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FOREWORD

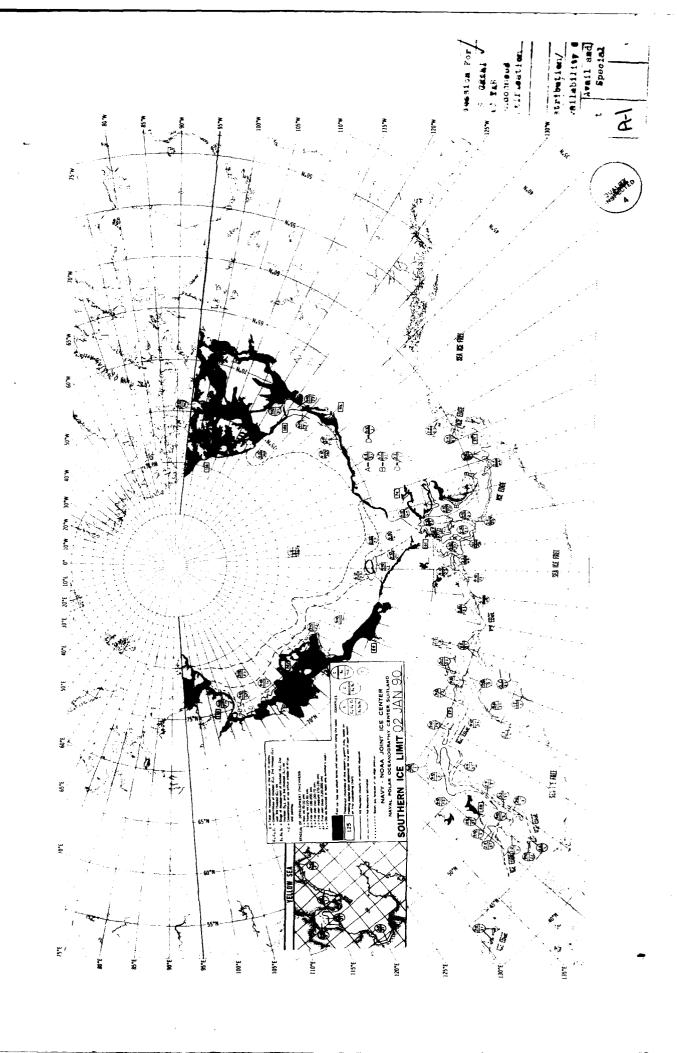
The U.S. Navy has a long and eventful history of polar exploration from Robert E. Peary in the Arctic to Richard E. Byrd in the Antarctic. In recent years the strategic importance and expanded research pursuits in these areas have resulted in greater national and international requirements for environmental information. Since 1976, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Navy have worked together at the Joint Ice Center (JIC) in Suitland, Maryland. By combining the Navy's experience in observing and recording sea ice data, and NOAA's expertise in satellite data collection and interpretation, the JIC has been able to keep pace with that demand in both polar regions.

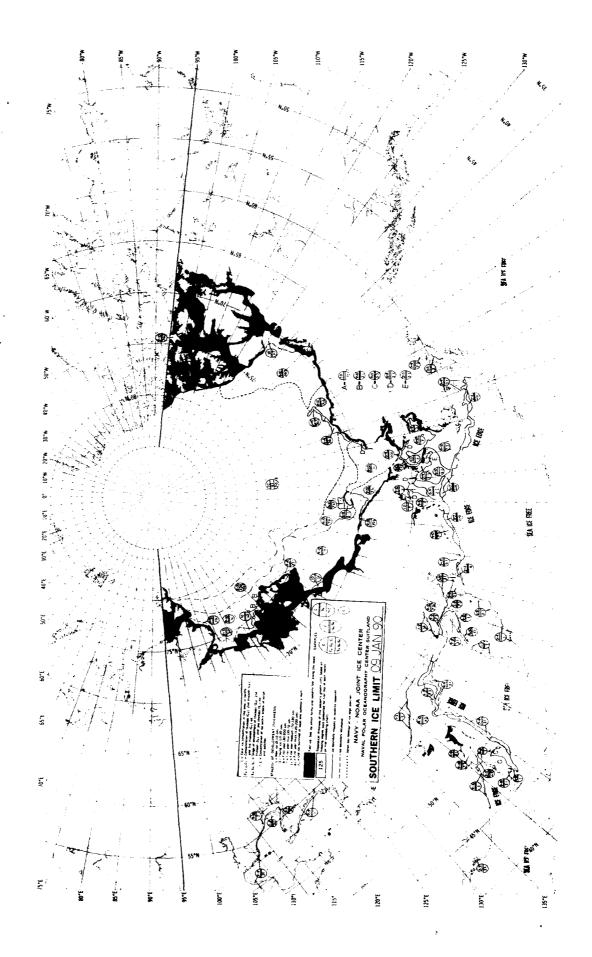
This publication is the 17th edition of the Arctic sea ice atlases prepared by the JIC. The atlas contains weekly charts depicting Northern Hemisphere and Great Lakes ice conditions and extent. The significant use of high resolution satellite imagery, combined with valuable ice reconnaissance data from various sources, has greatly improved the accuracy of these analyses.

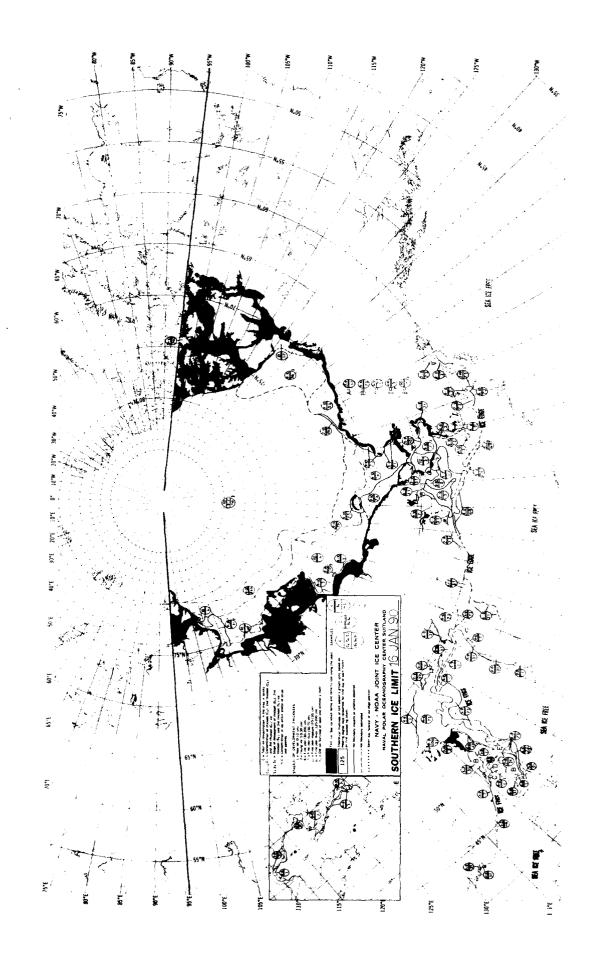
The purpose of this atlas is to provide the user with reliable weekly hemispheric ice analyses. Both Navy and NOAA personnel with considerable experience in sea ice analysis prepare the analyses. The following procedures have been developed to ensure the quality of the final products:

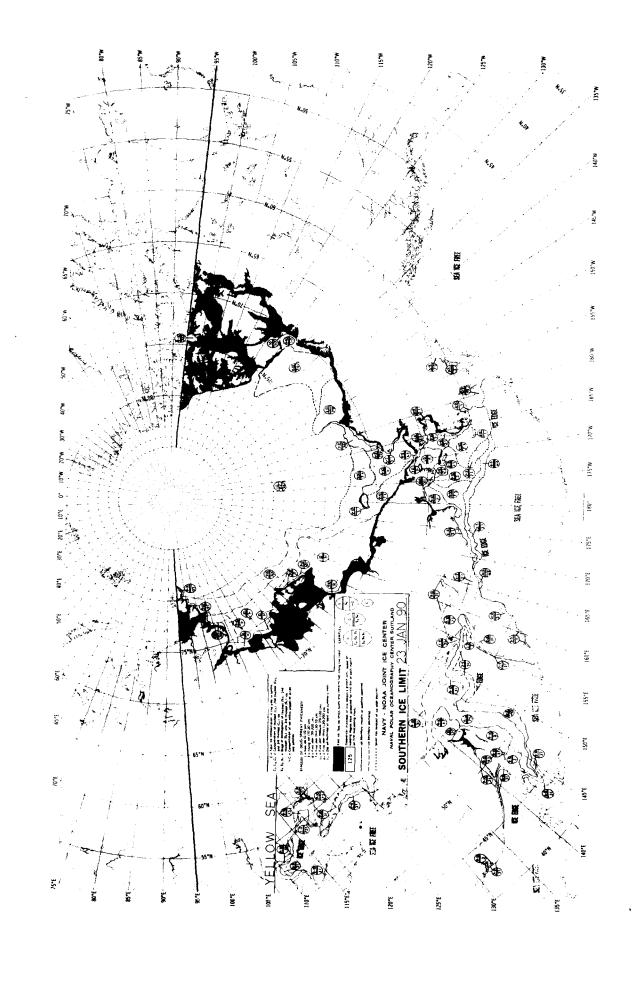
- a. Conventional shore station, ship and aerial ice reconnaissance observations are plotted and evaluated.
- b. Satellite data from different sensors is compared and analyzed for ice information content. Table I, located on the inside back cover, summarizes satellite data availability for 1990.
- c. A final product results from a. and b. However, where insufficient data is available, an estimated boundary will be depicted. Meteorological data and computer generated ice drift vectors are utilized to determine the estimated ice edge position.

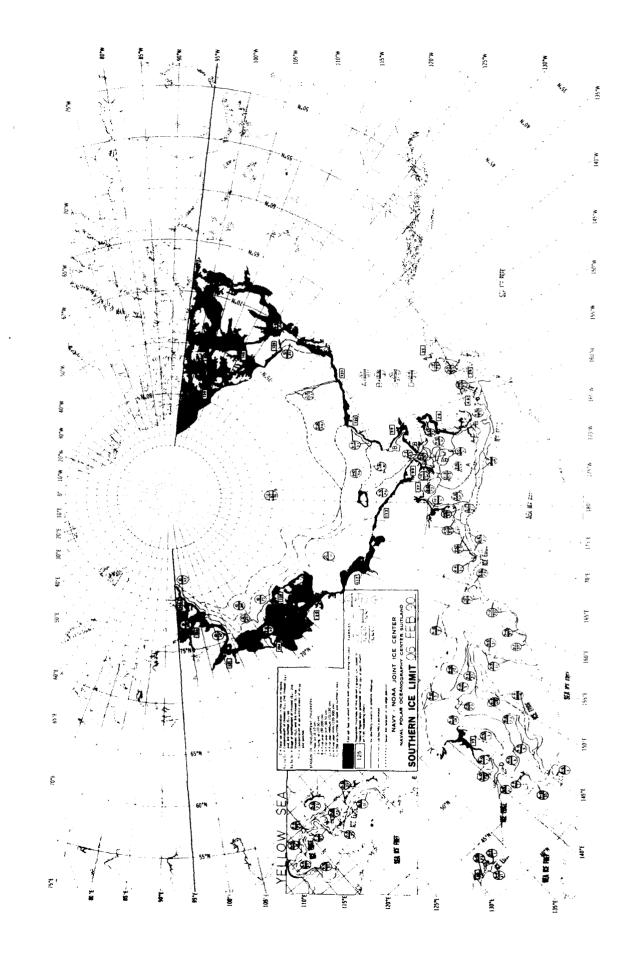
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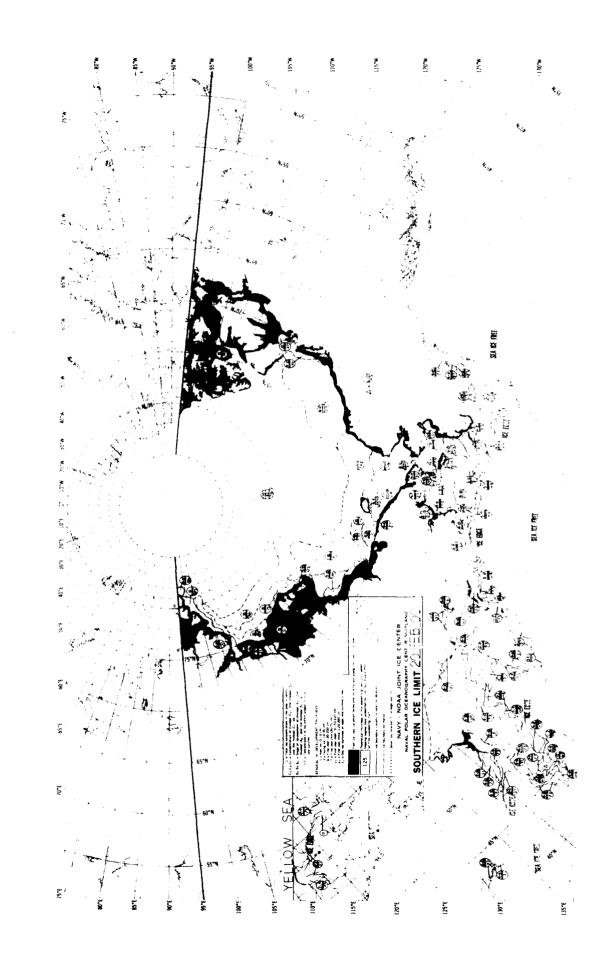


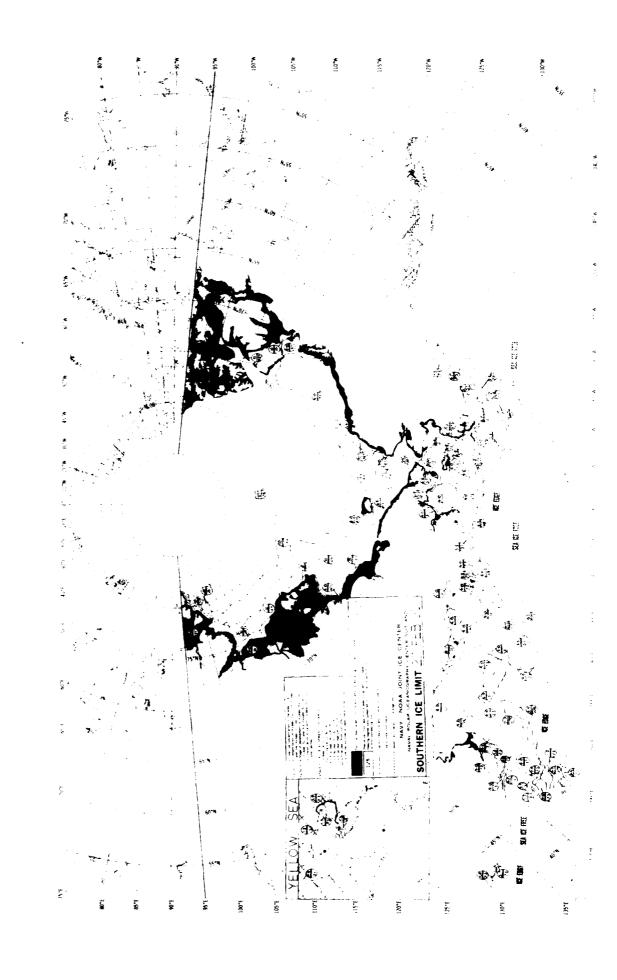






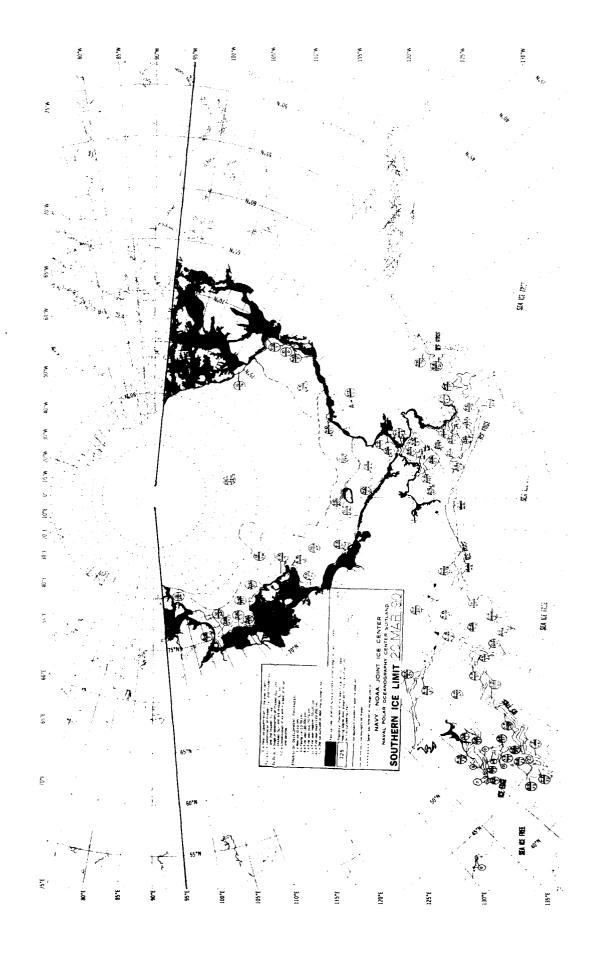


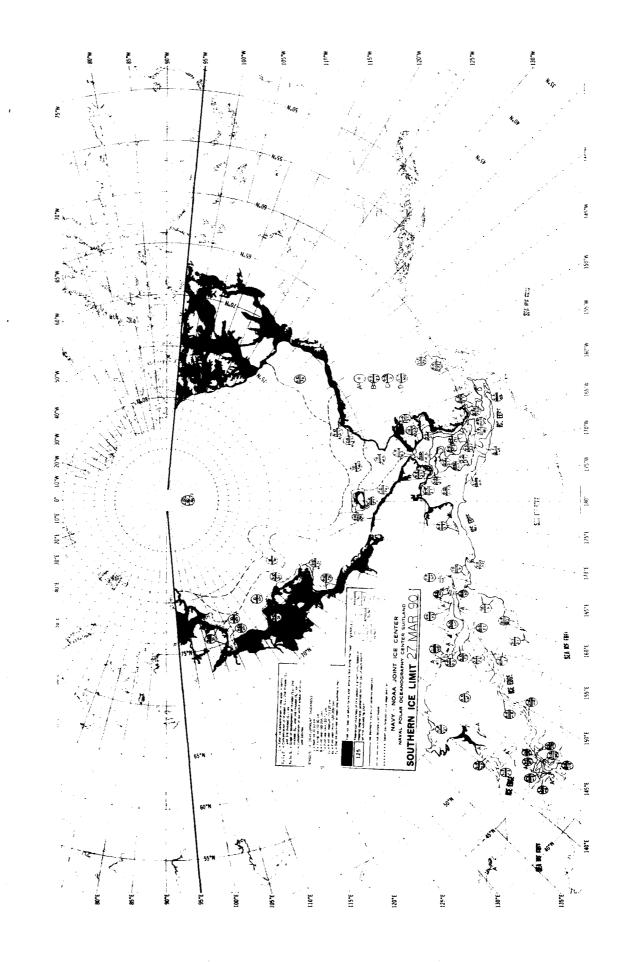


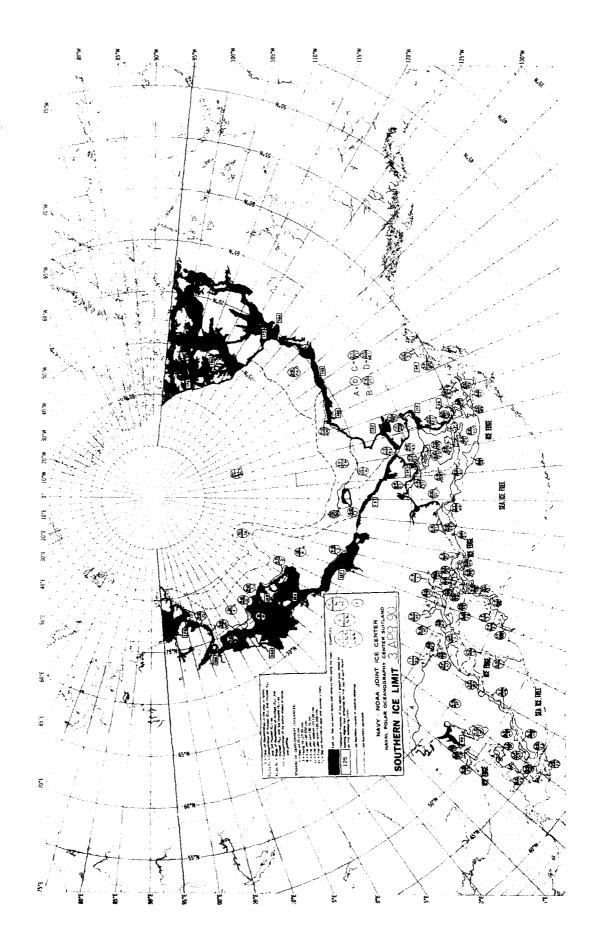


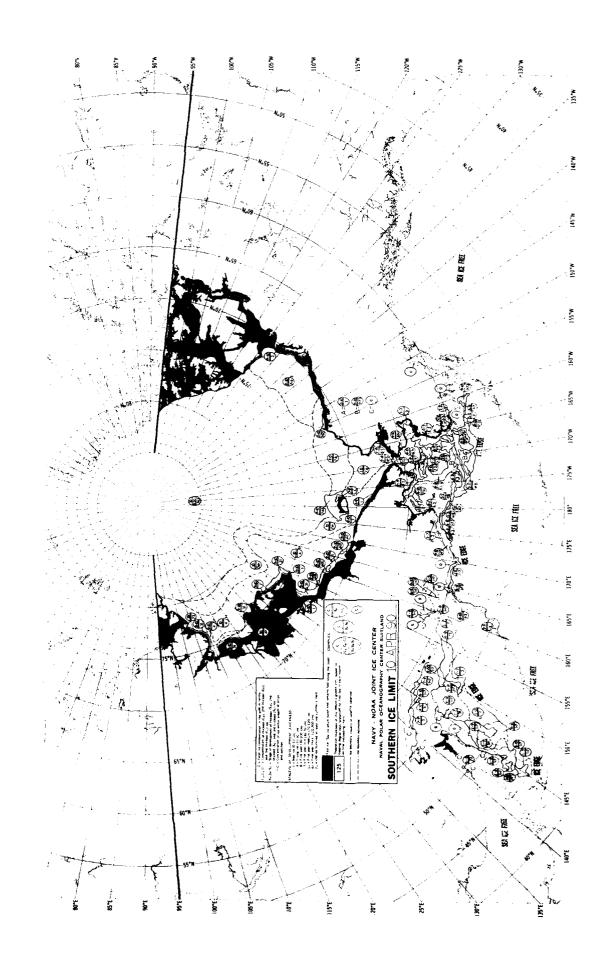


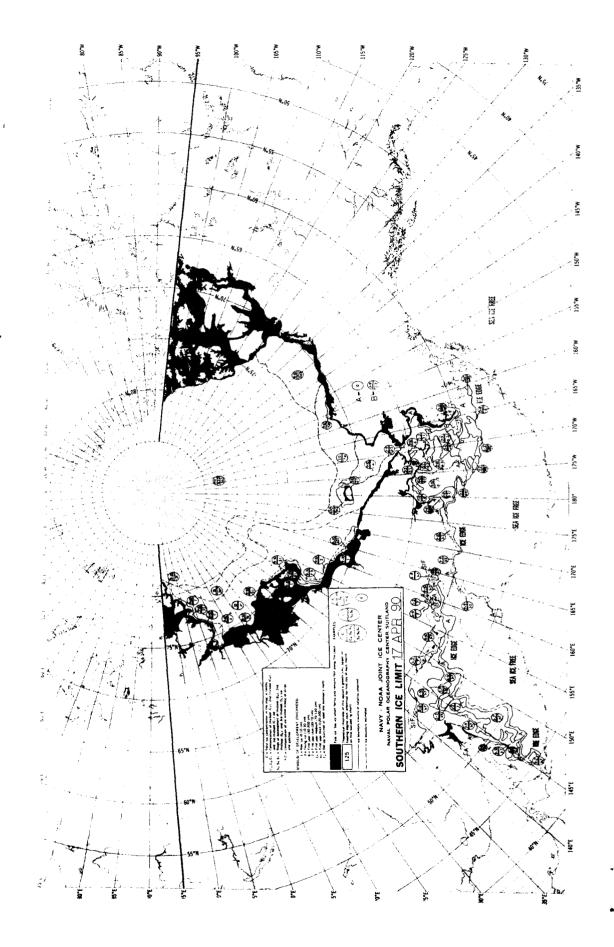


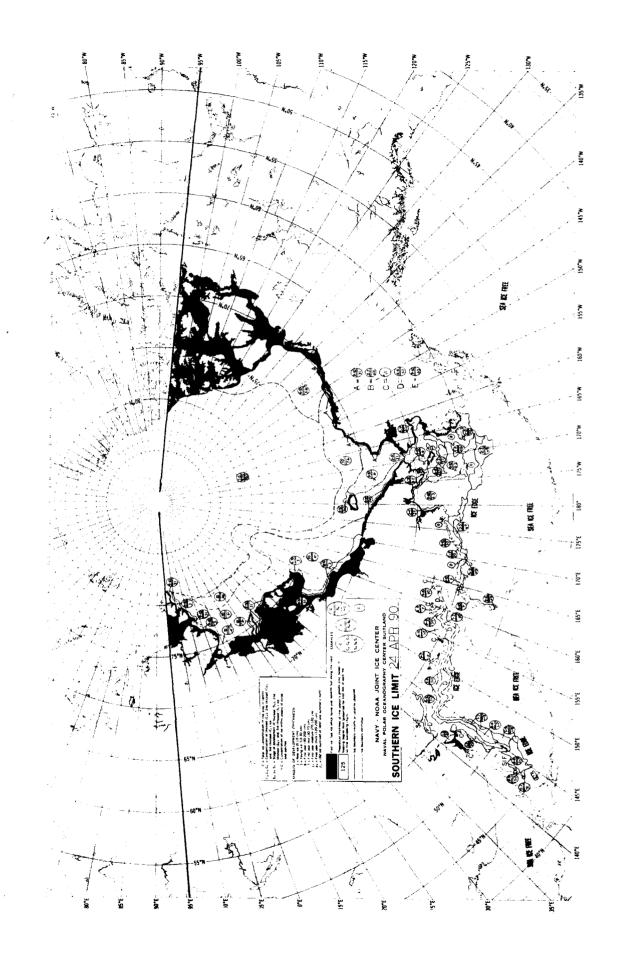


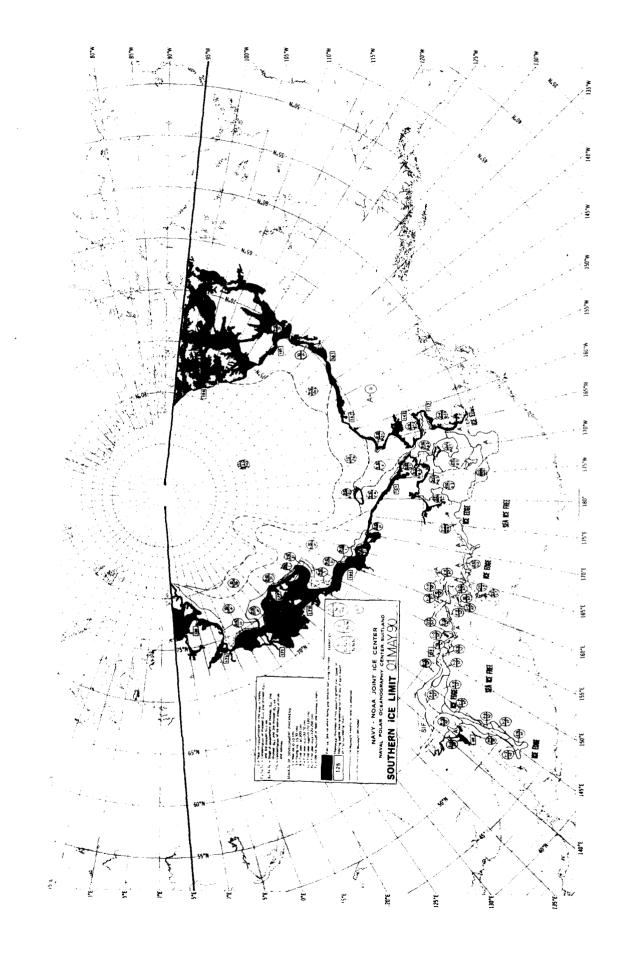


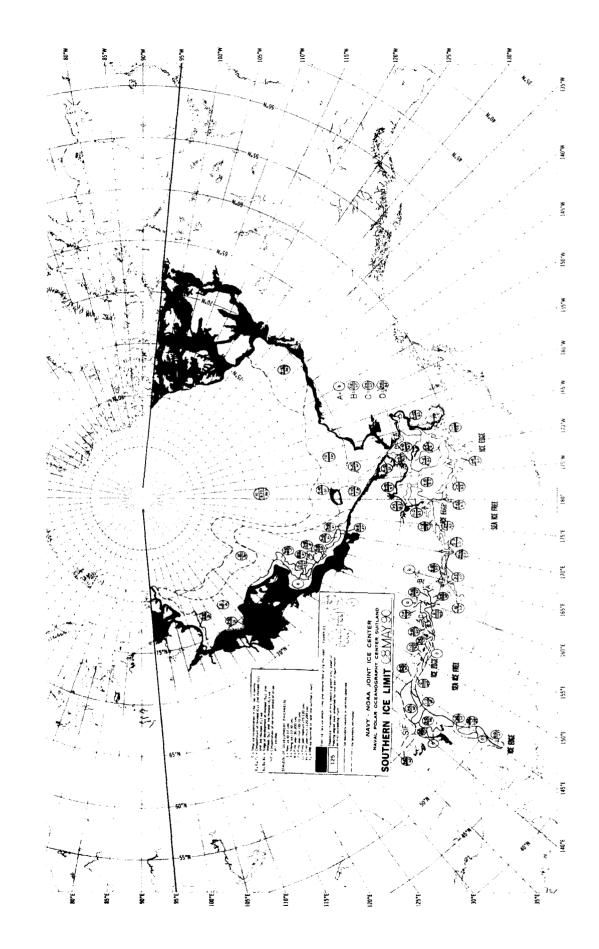


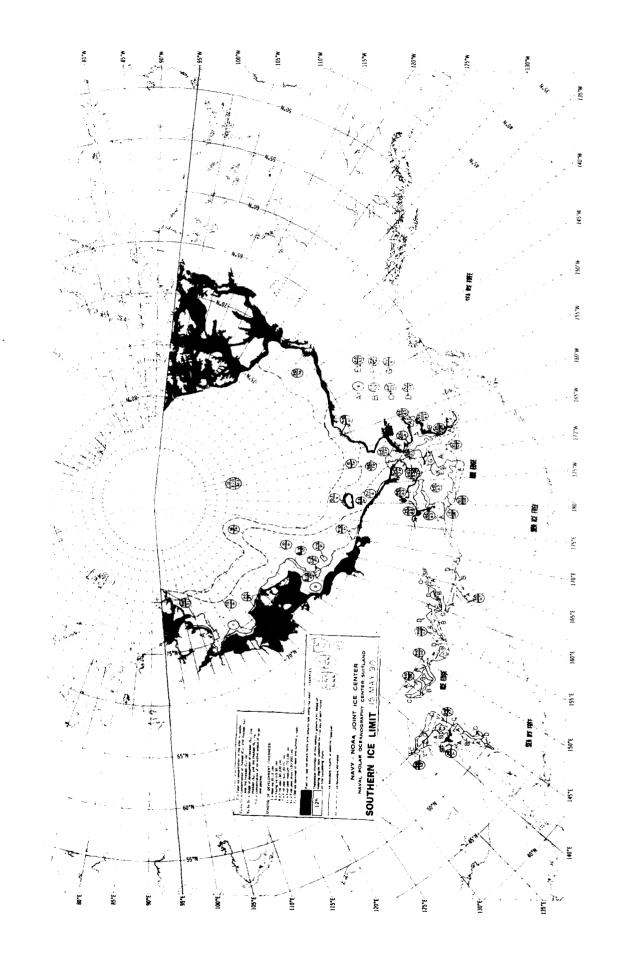


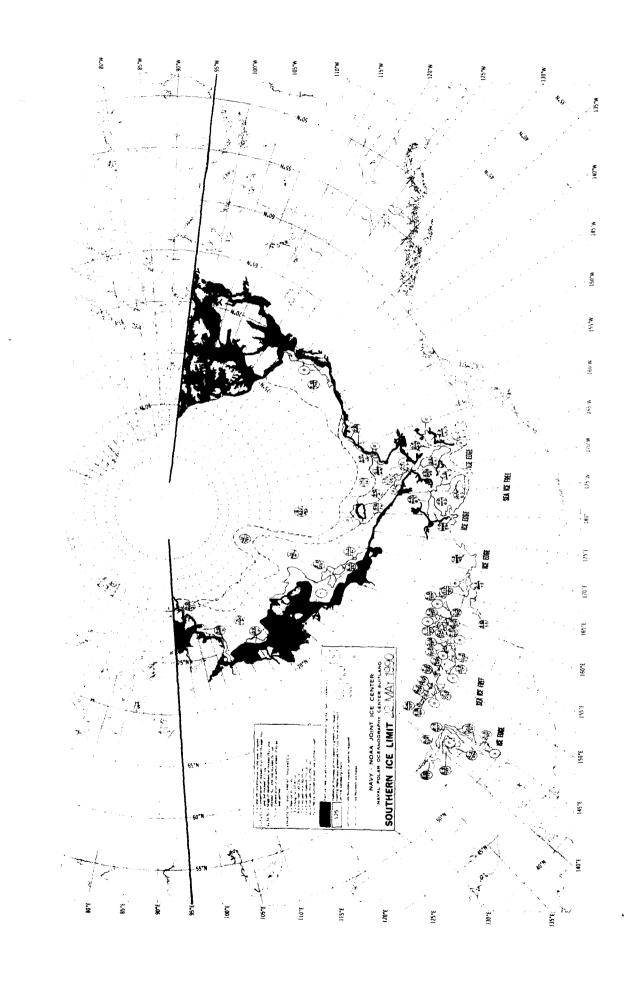


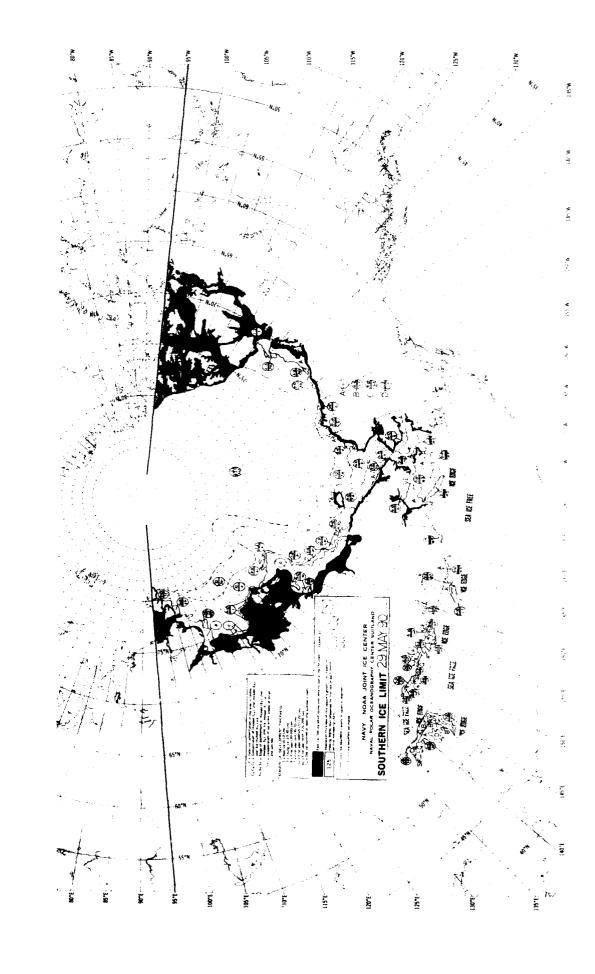


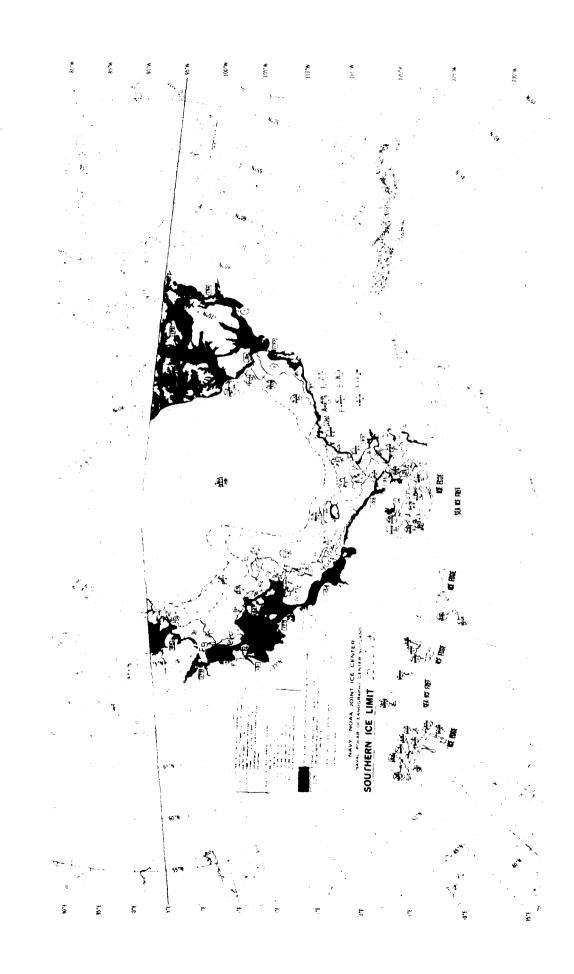


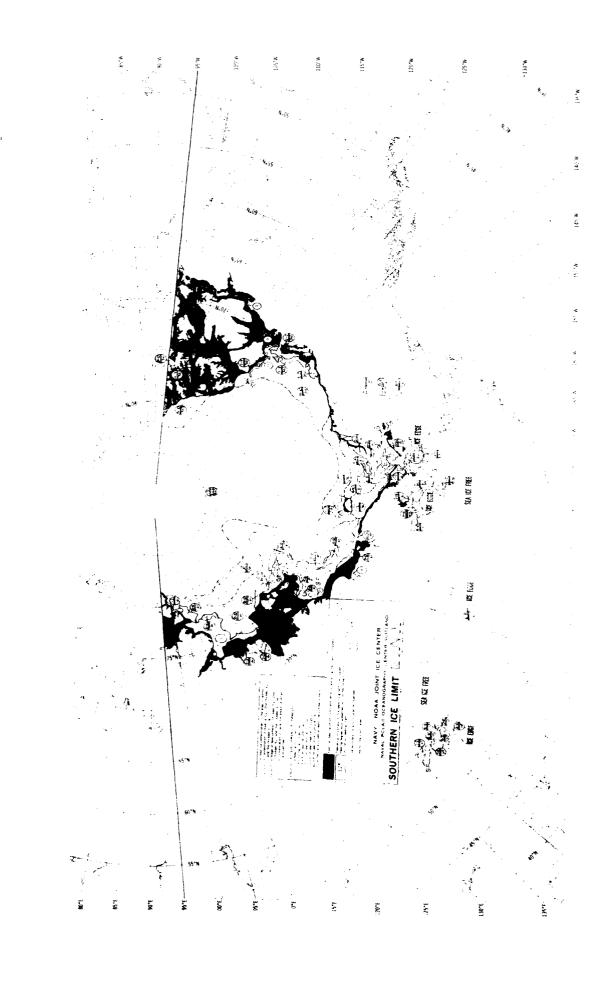


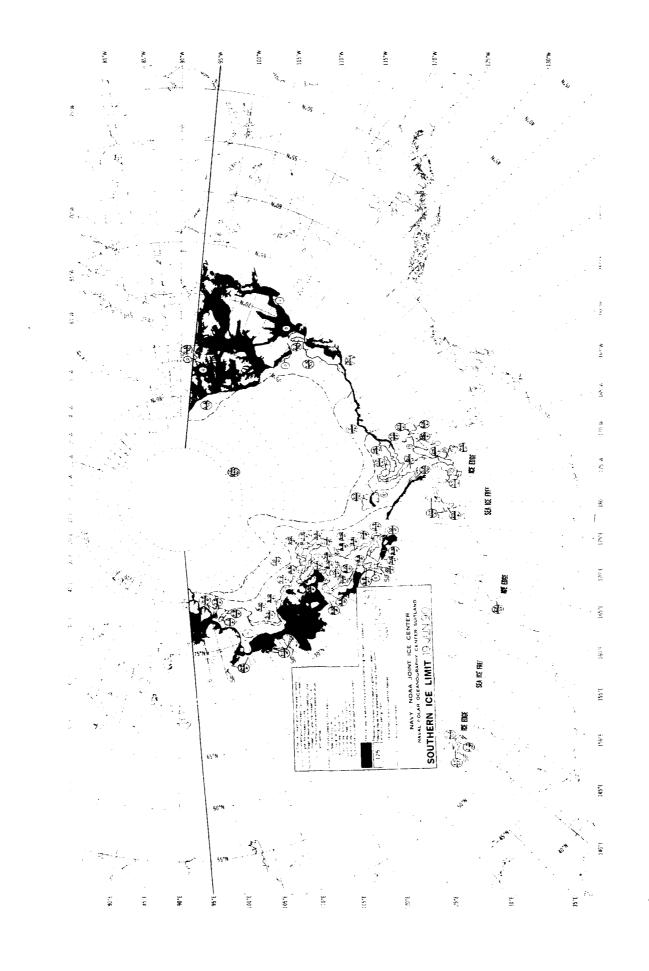


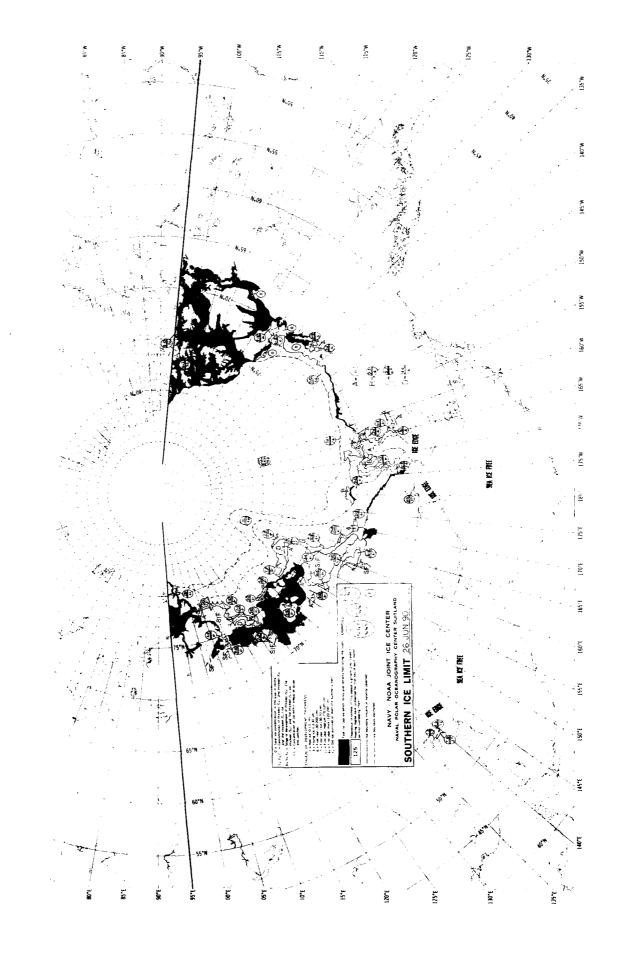






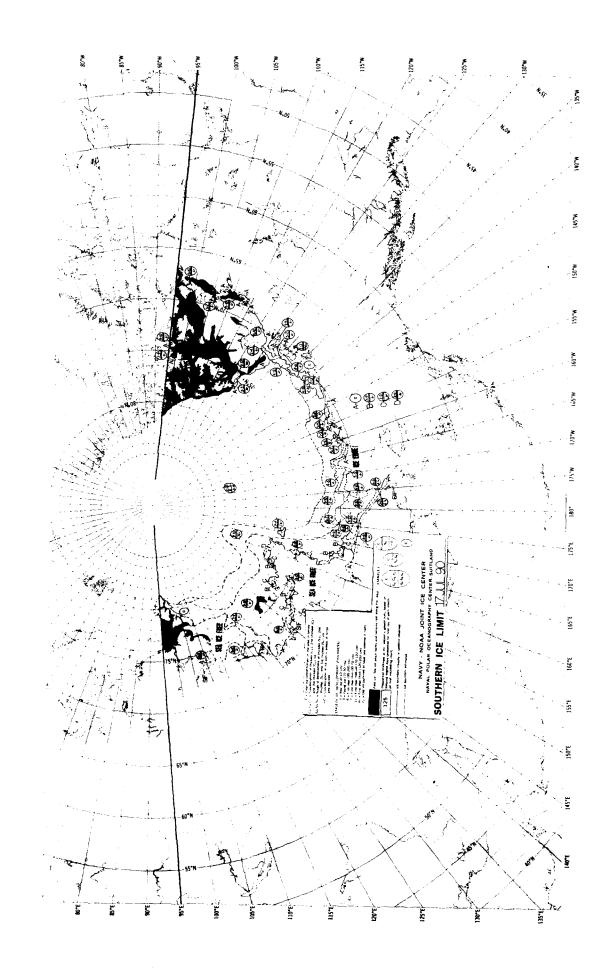


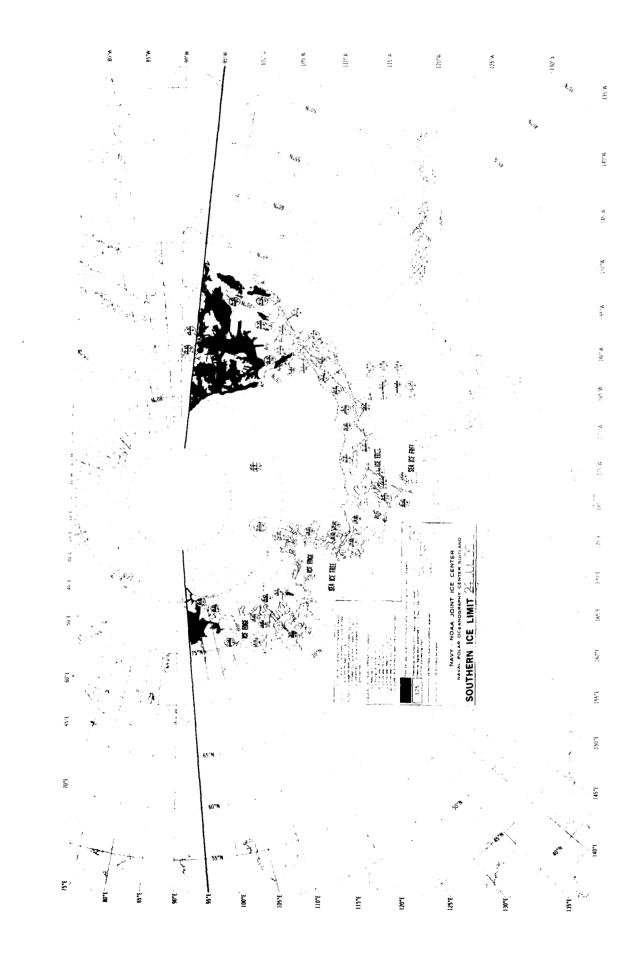


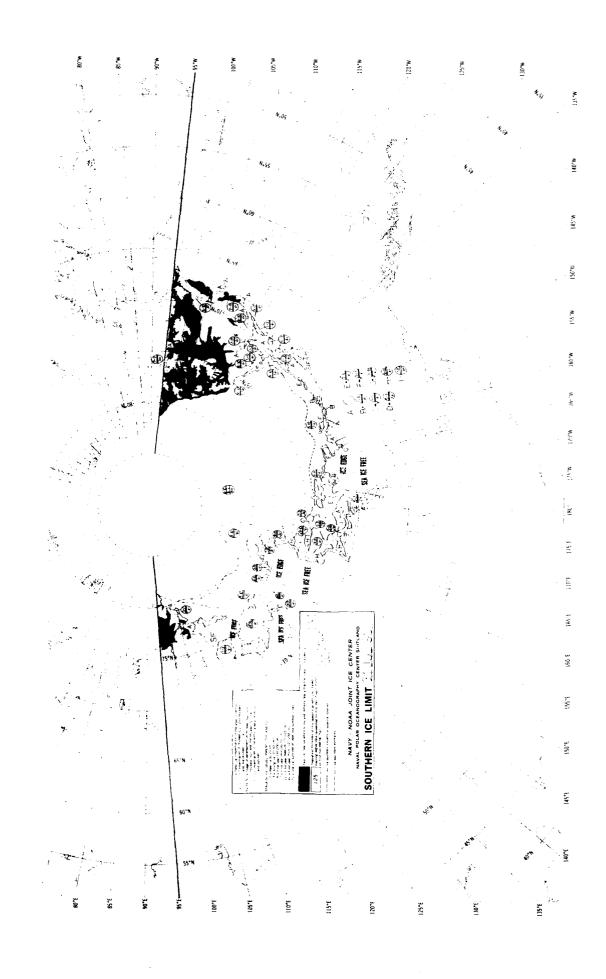




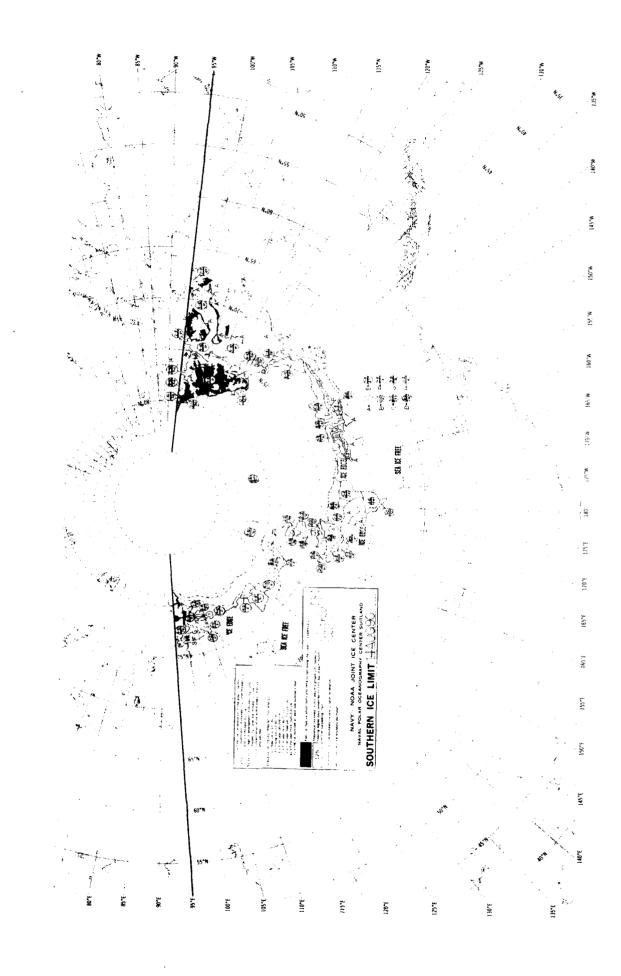


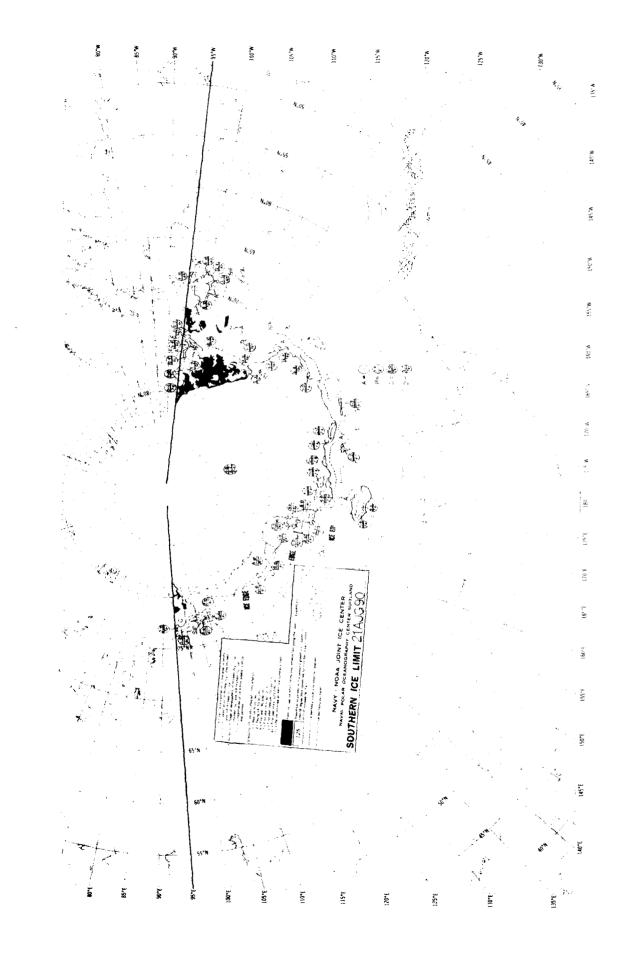


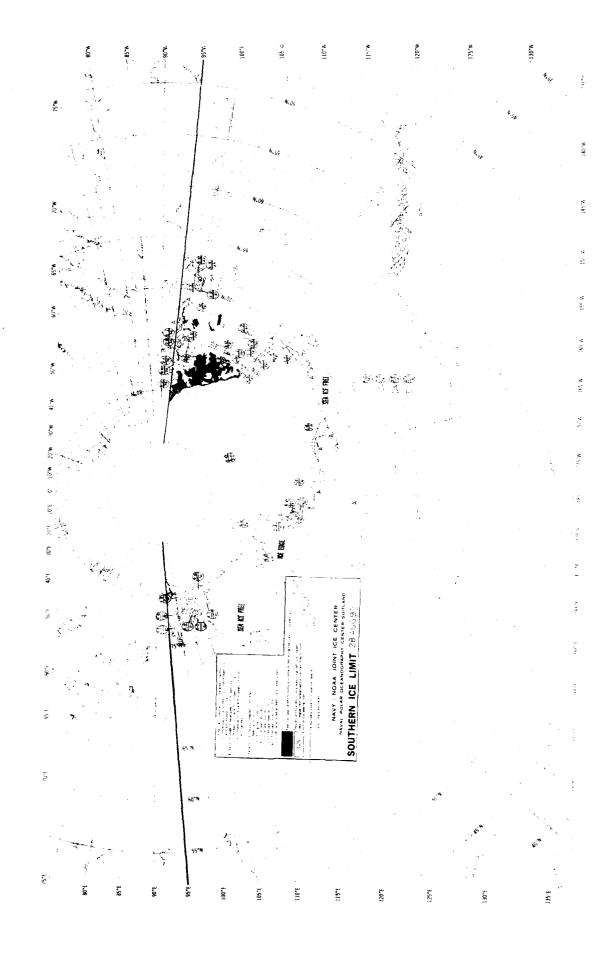


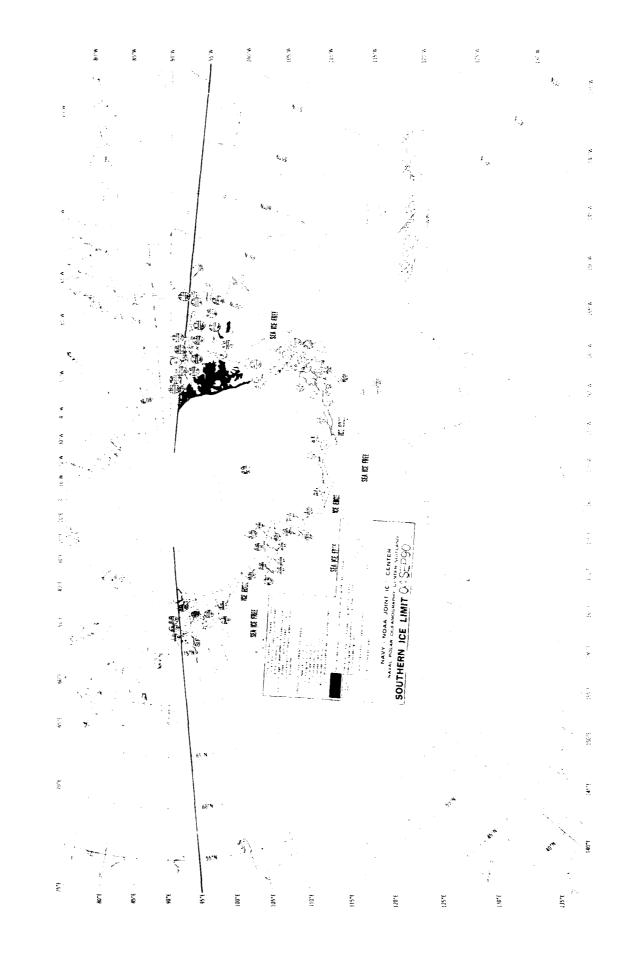




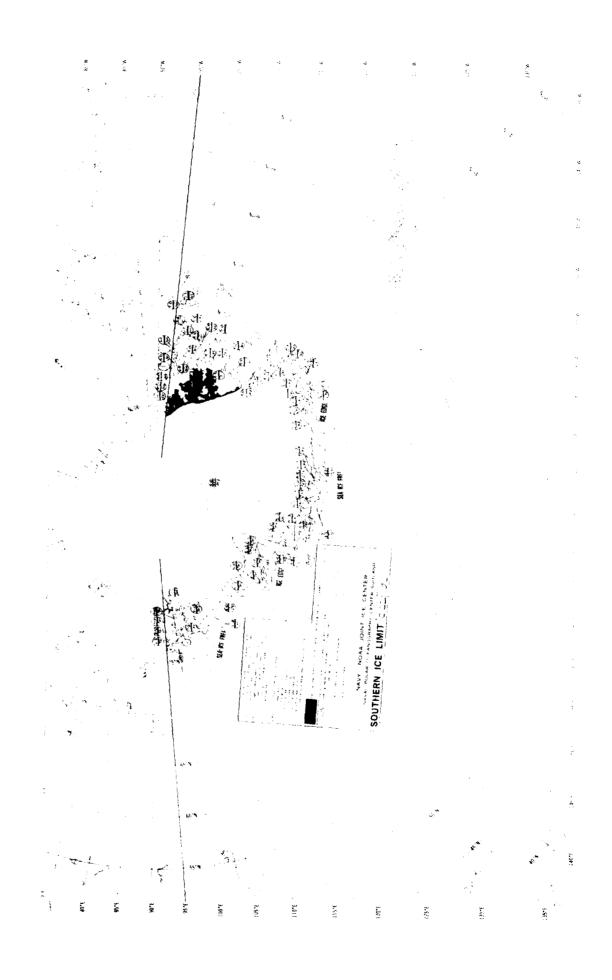


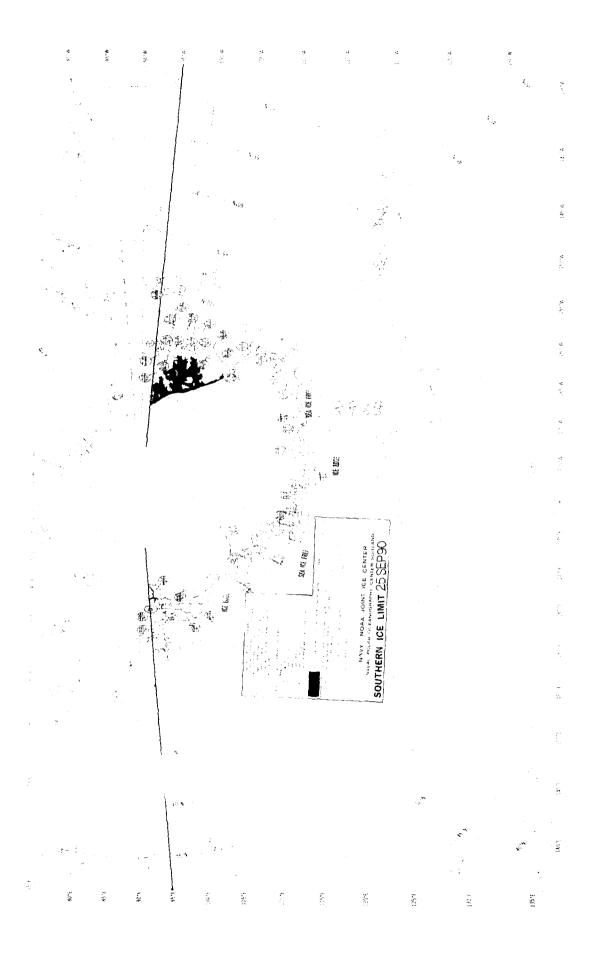


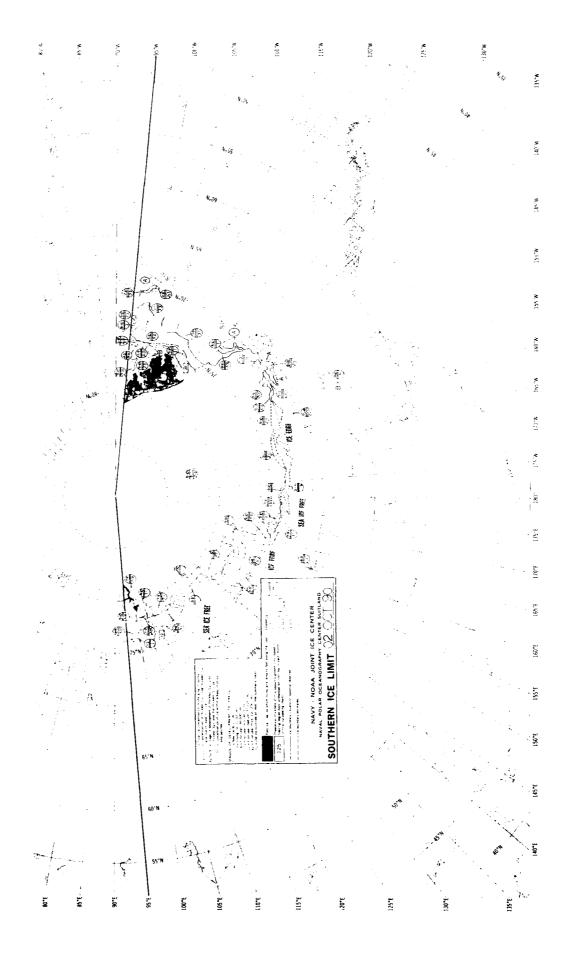


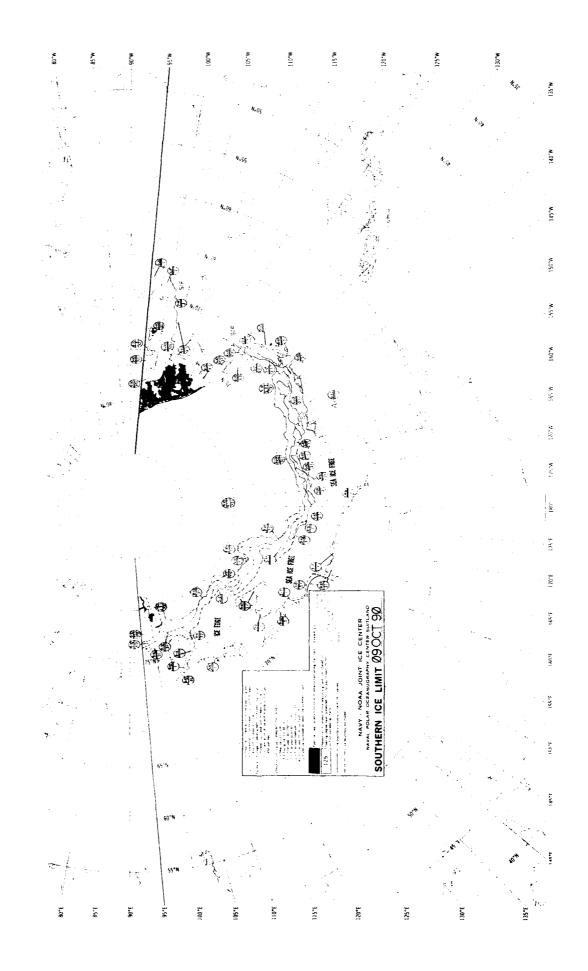


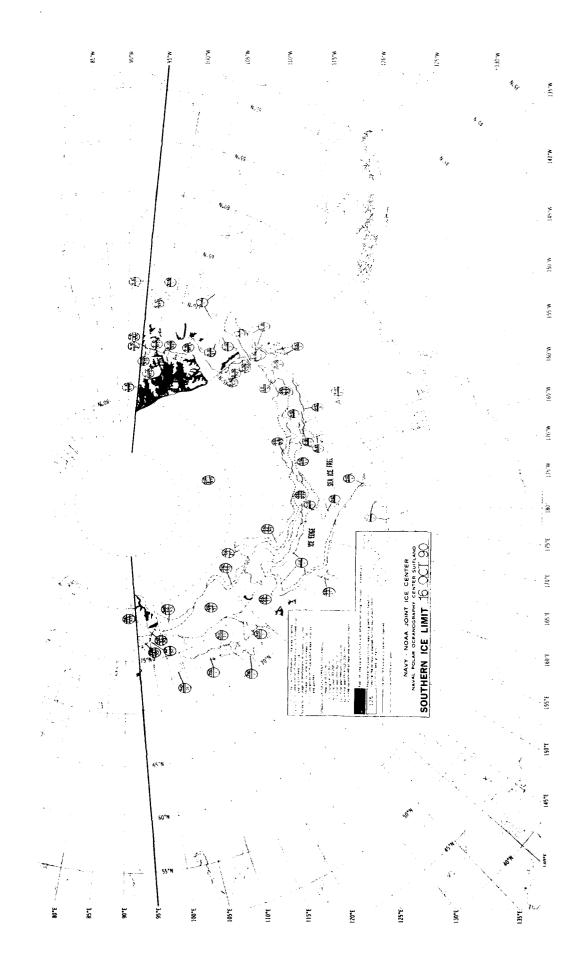


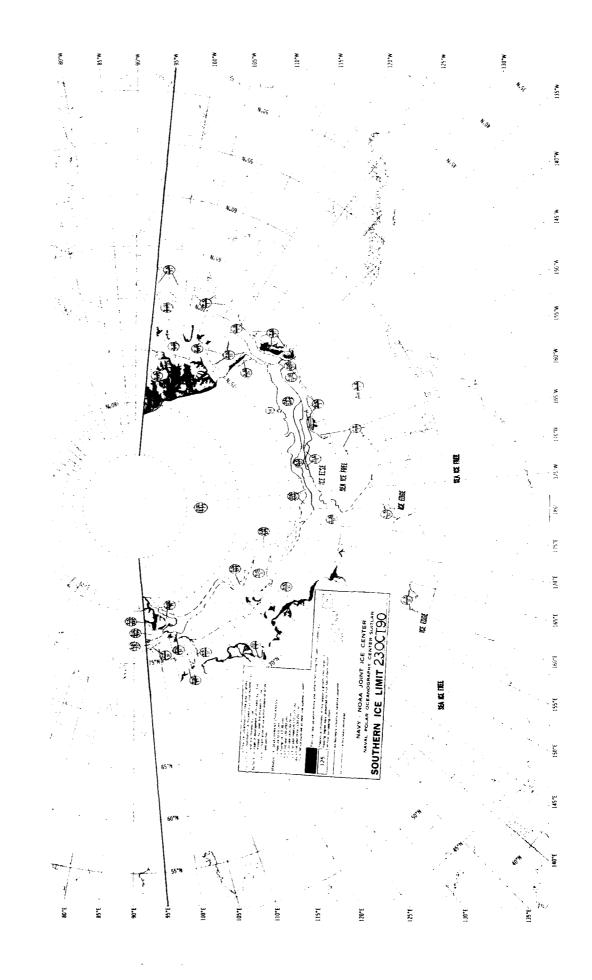


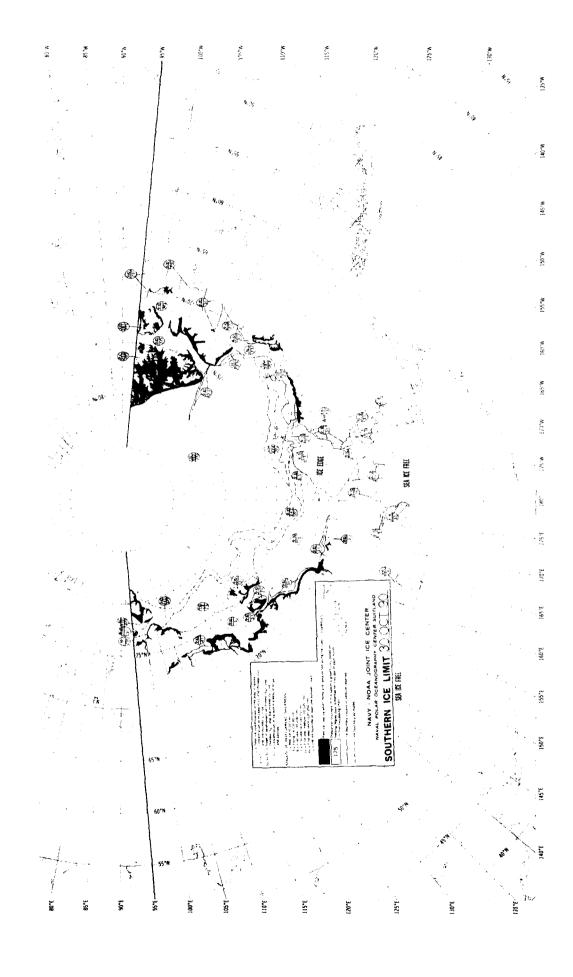


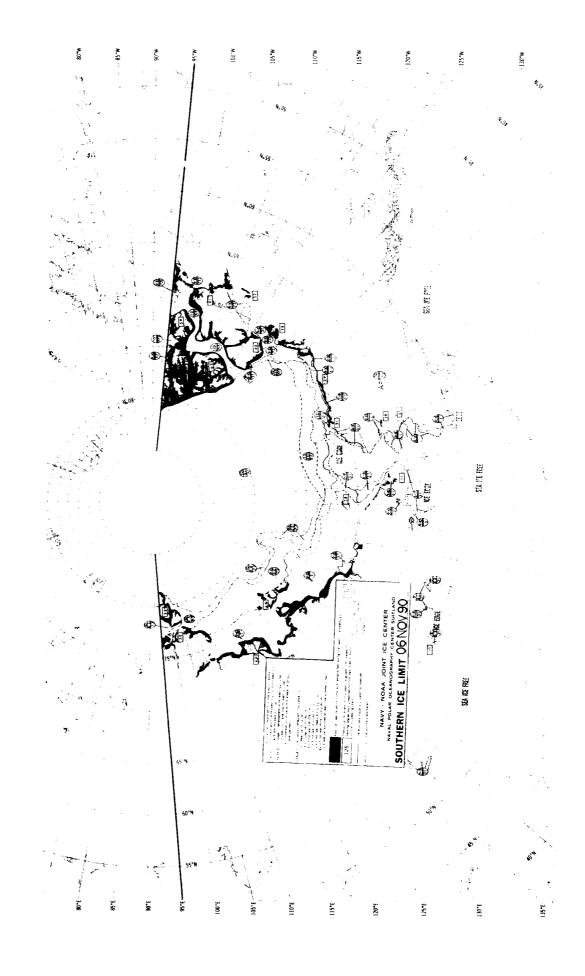


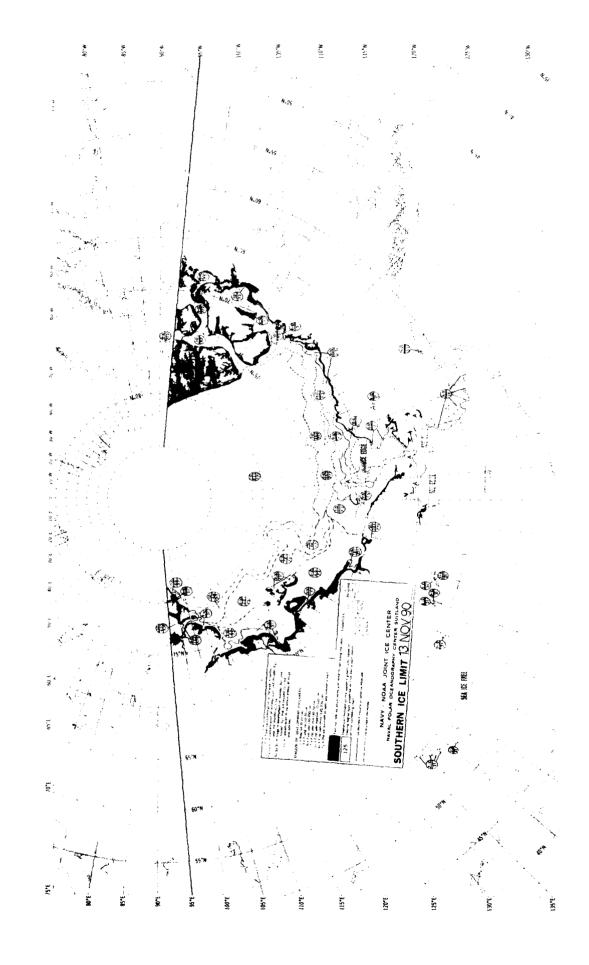


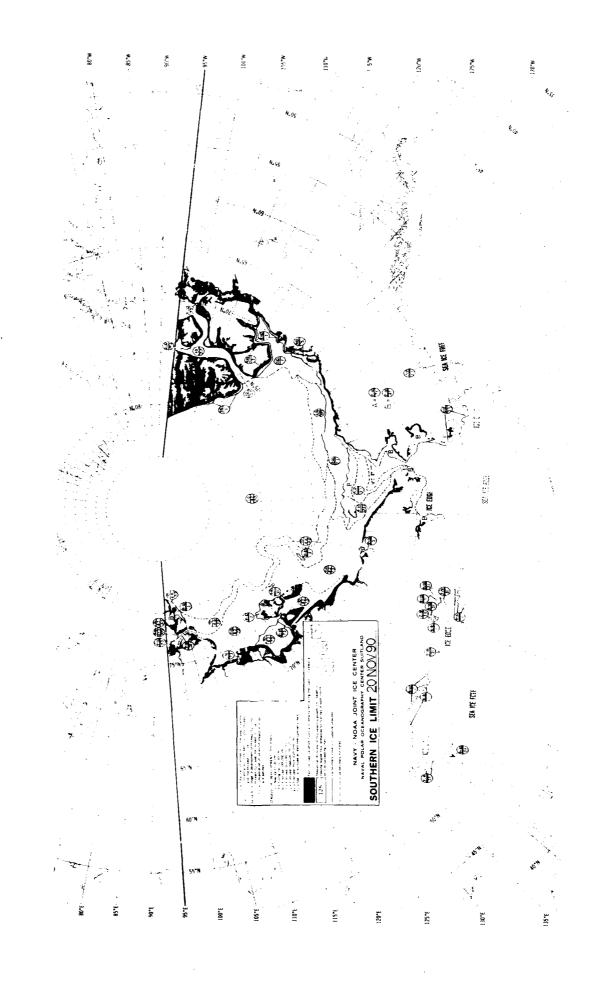


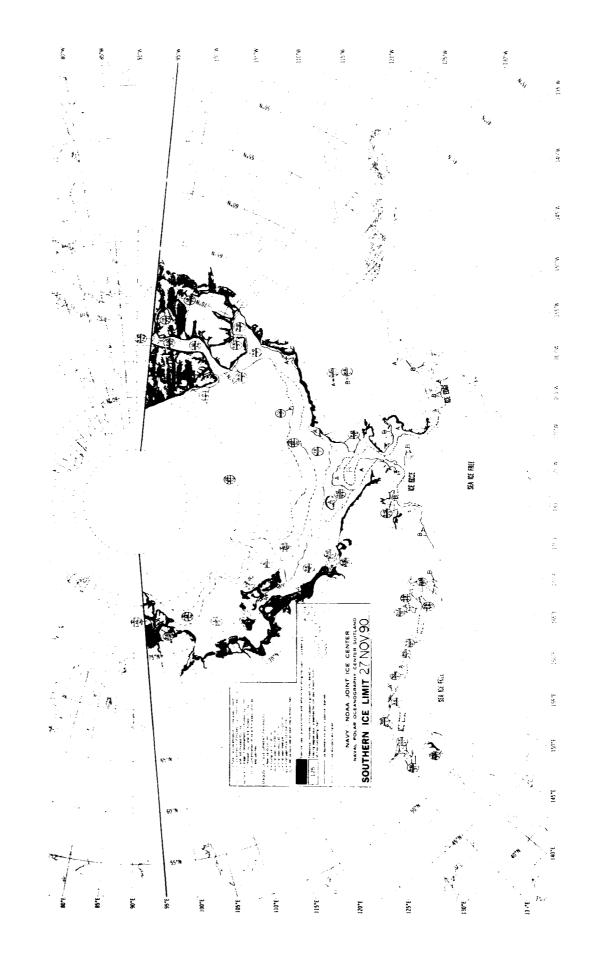


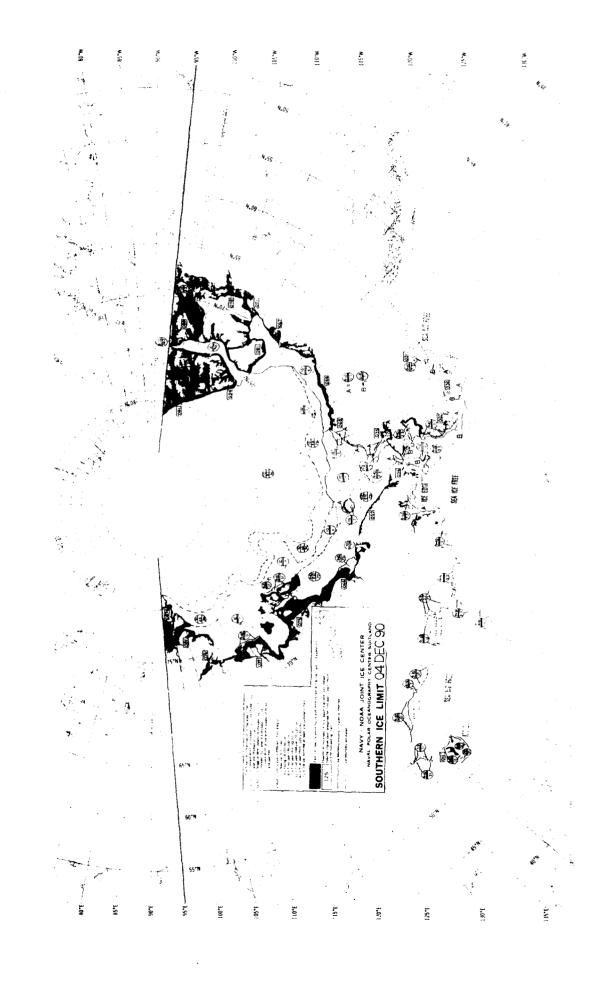


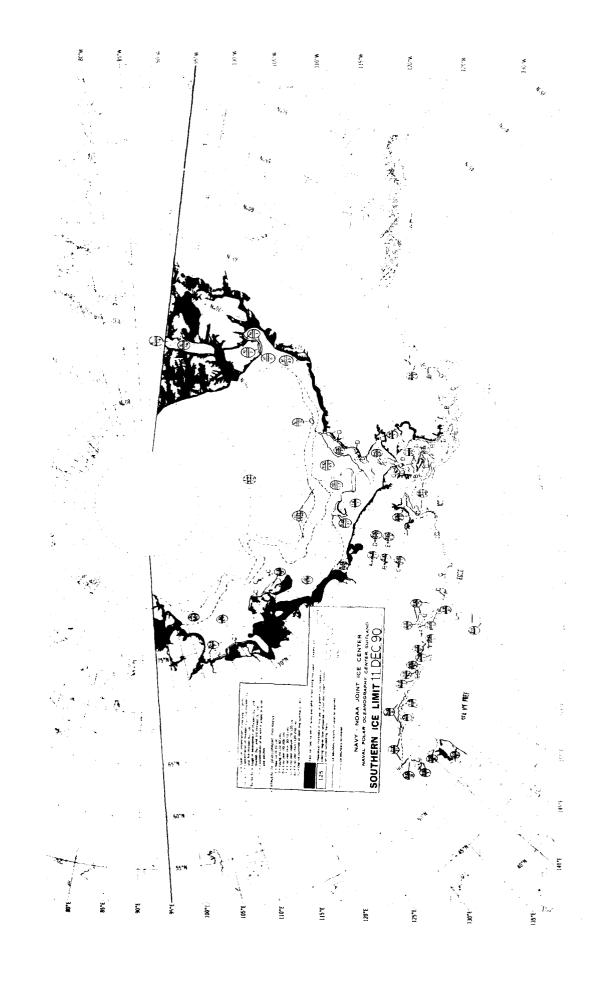


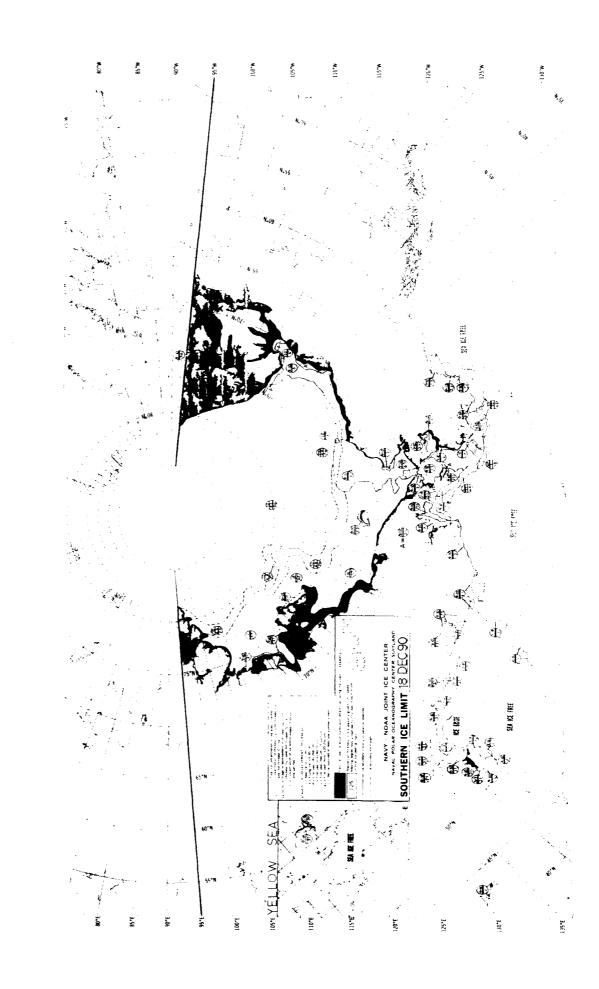


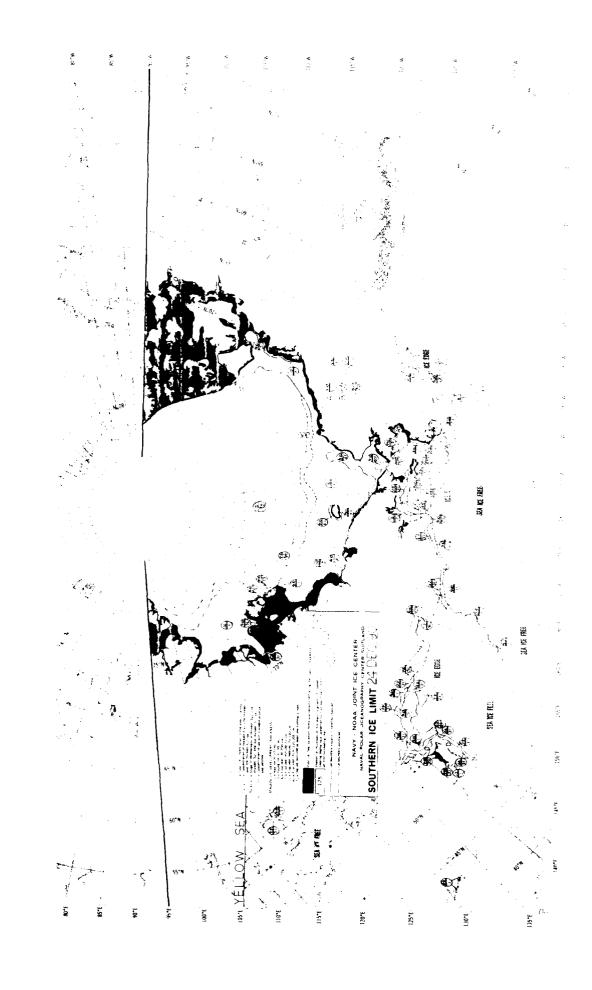


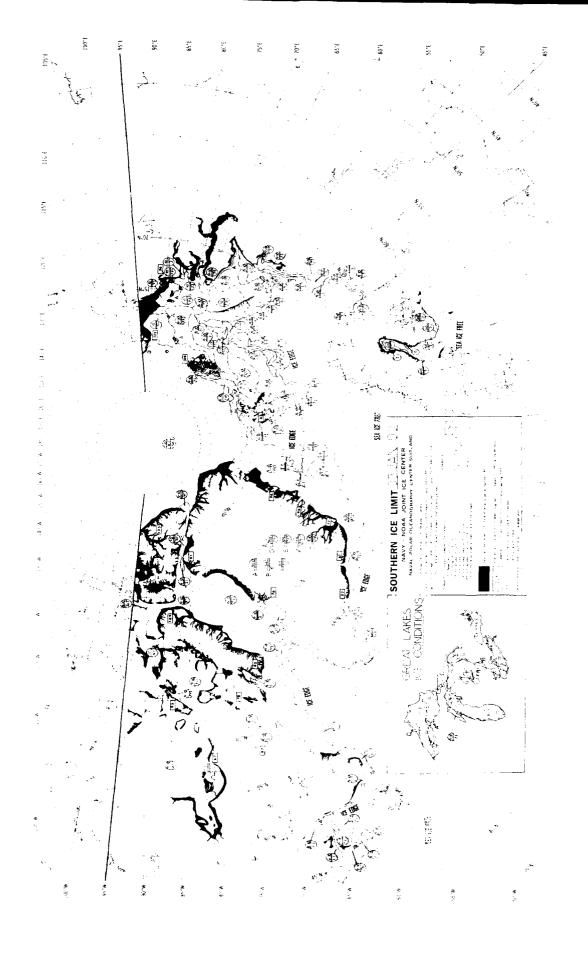


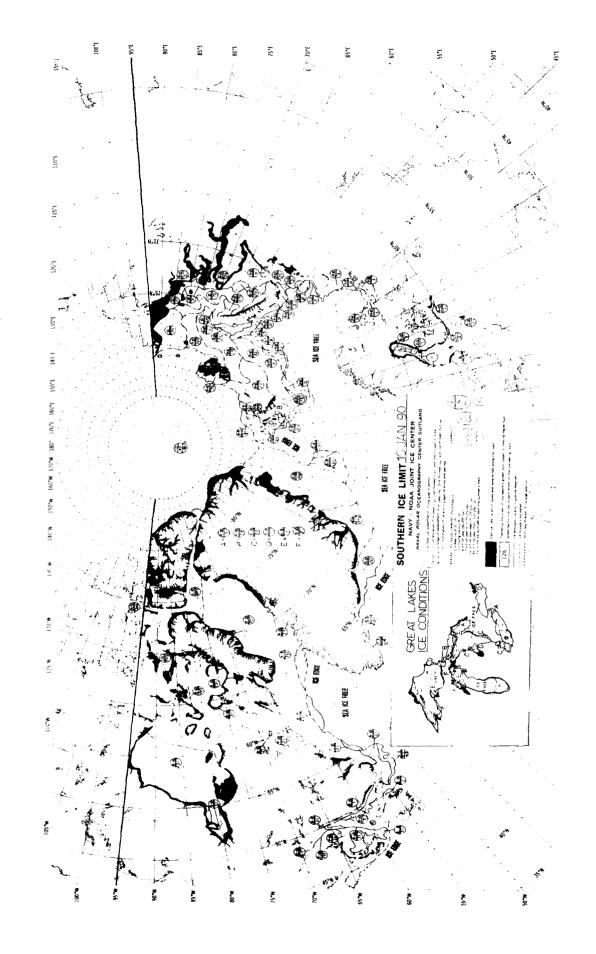


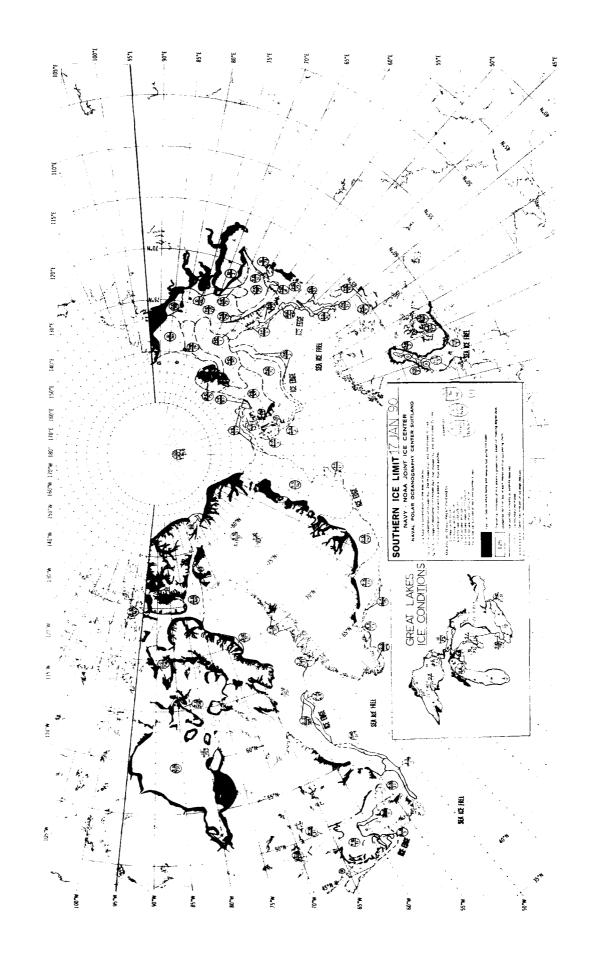


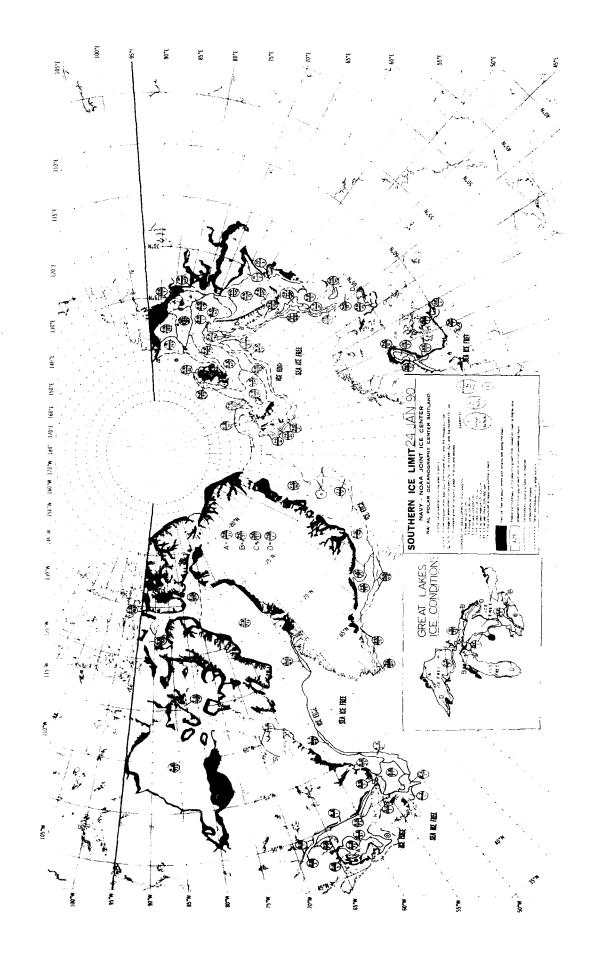


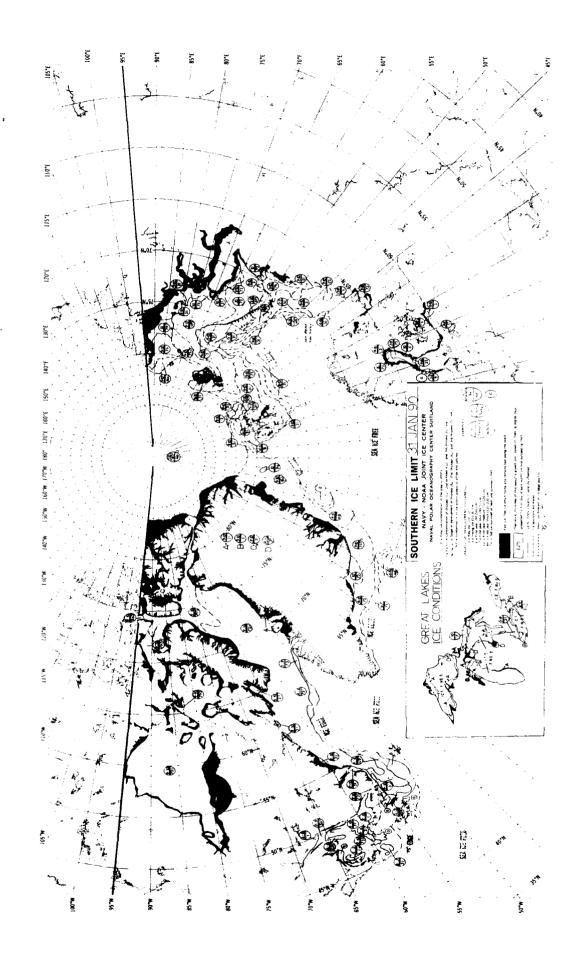


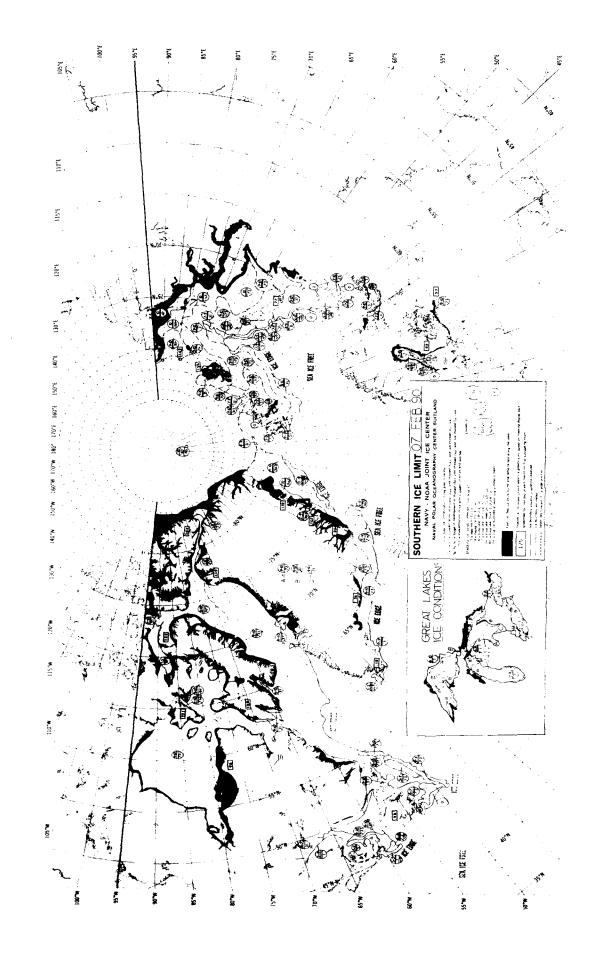


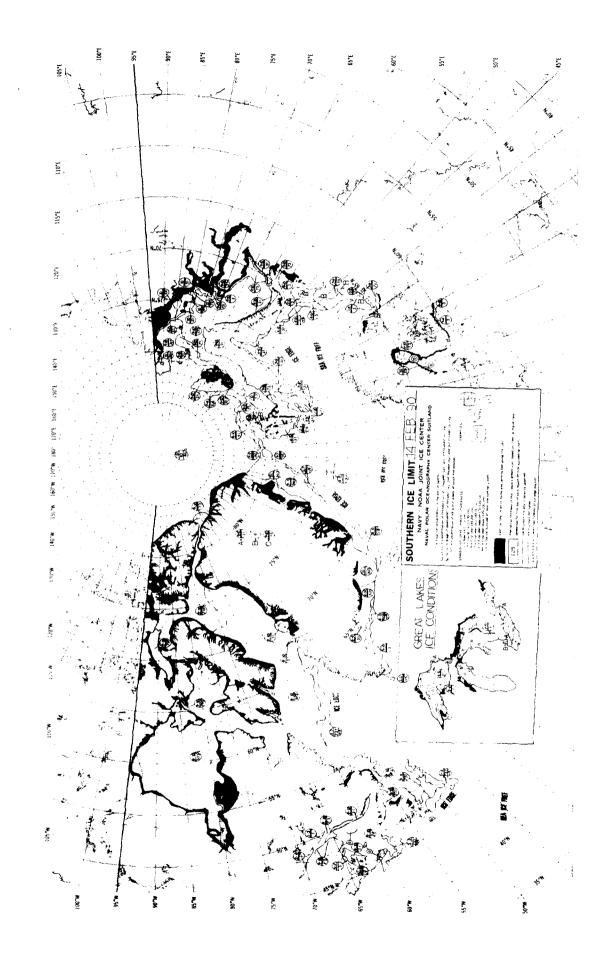


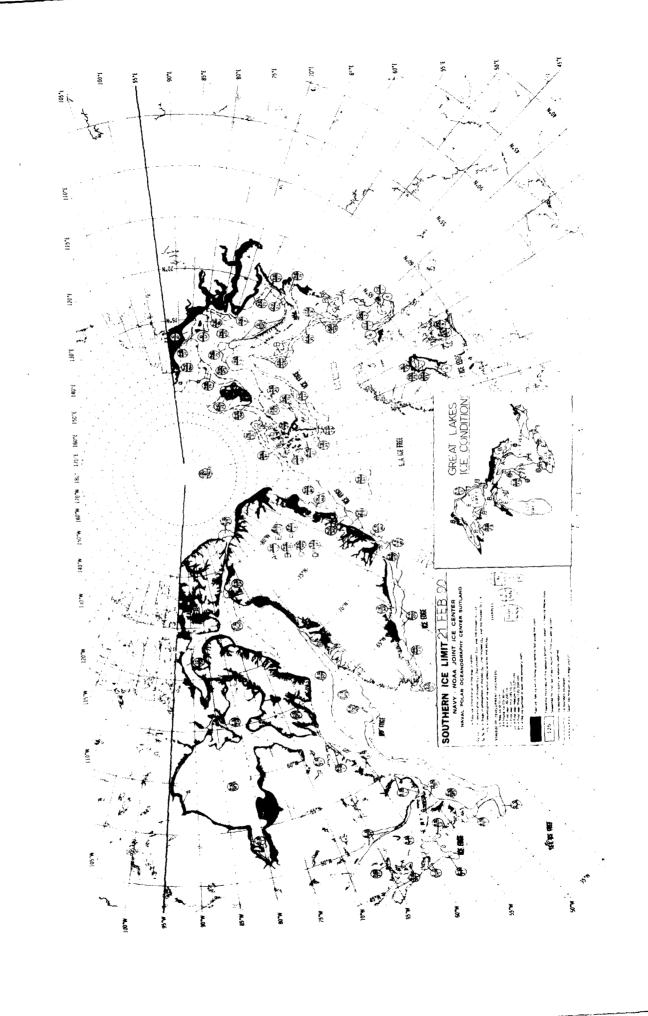


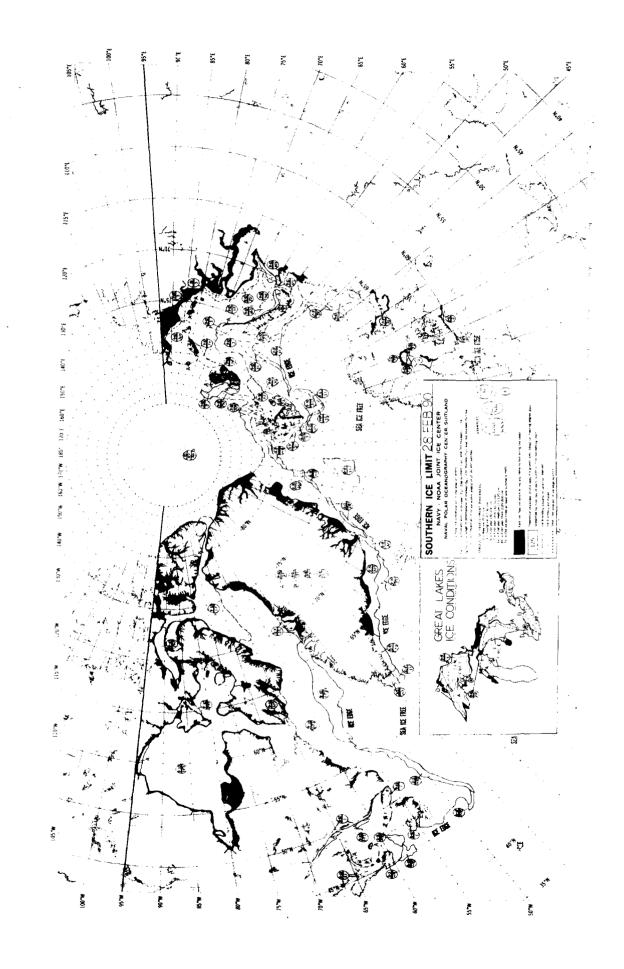


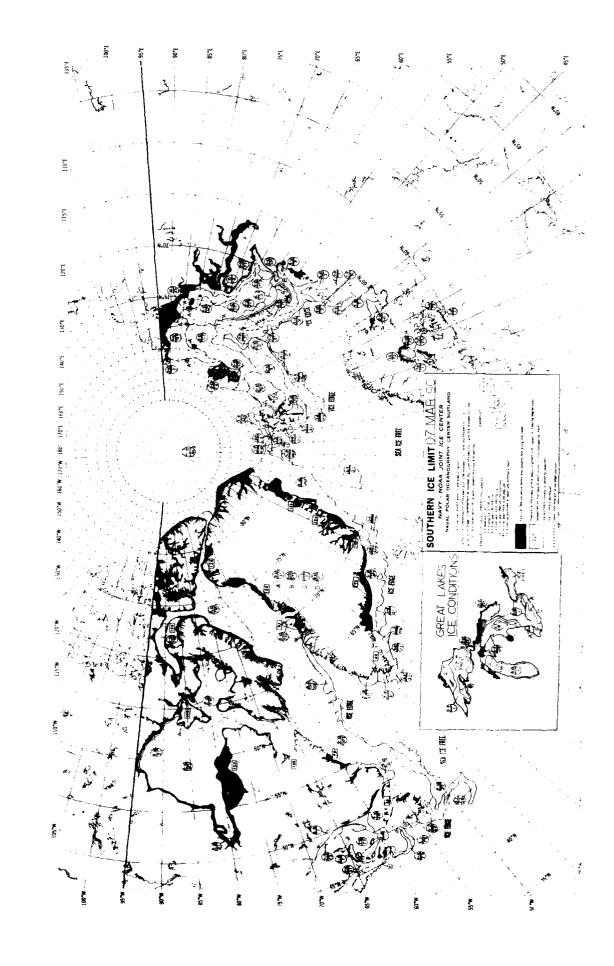


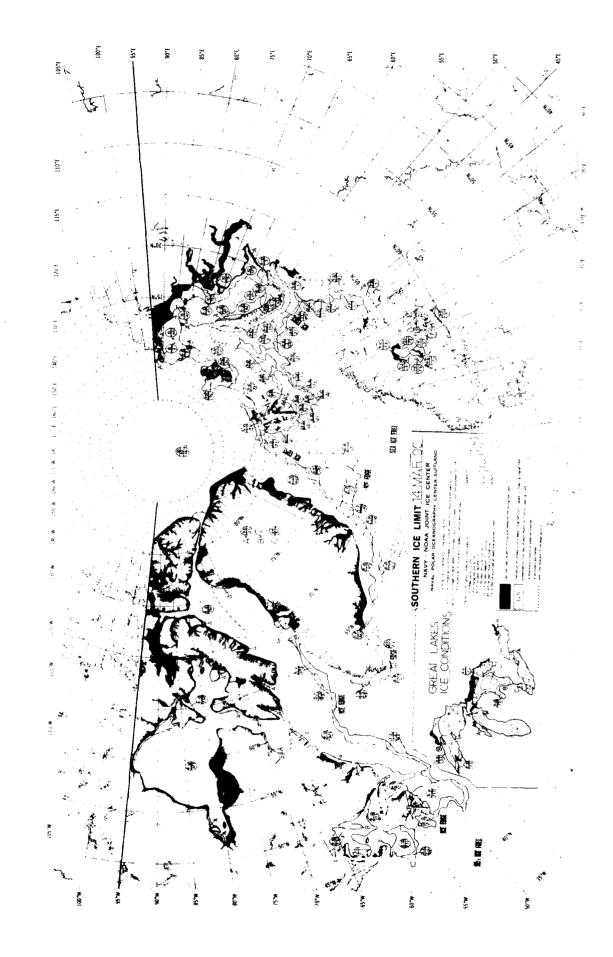


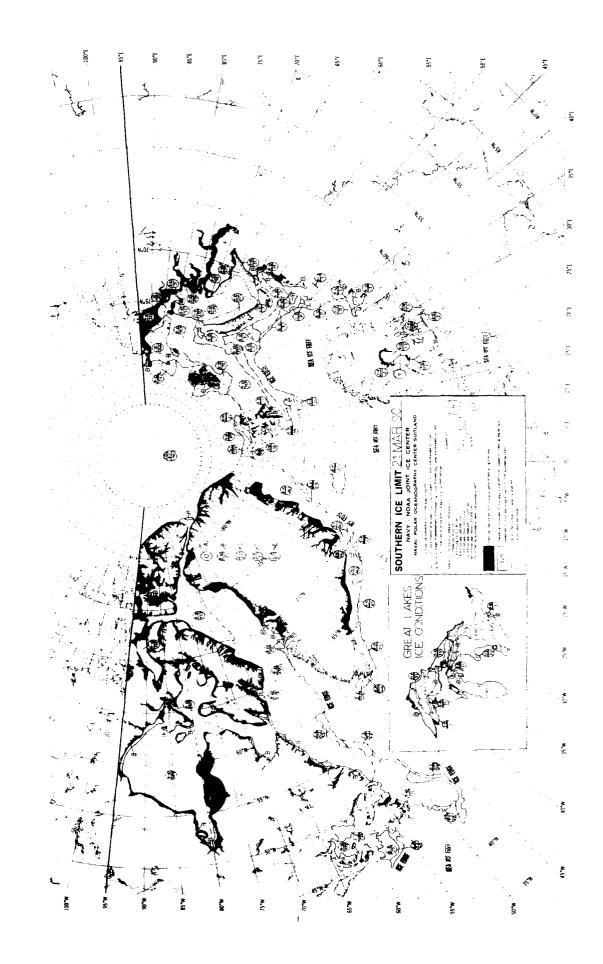


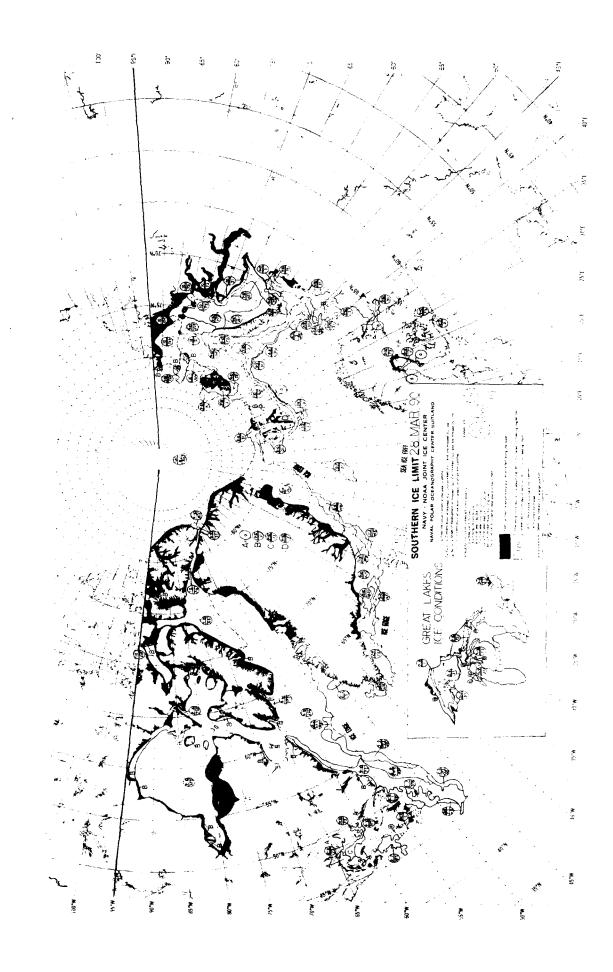


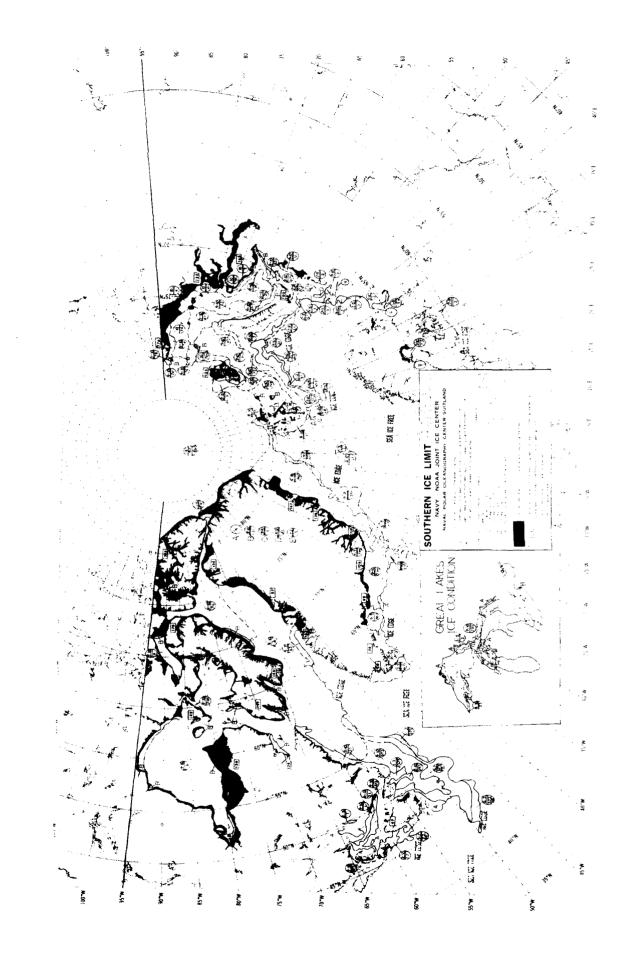




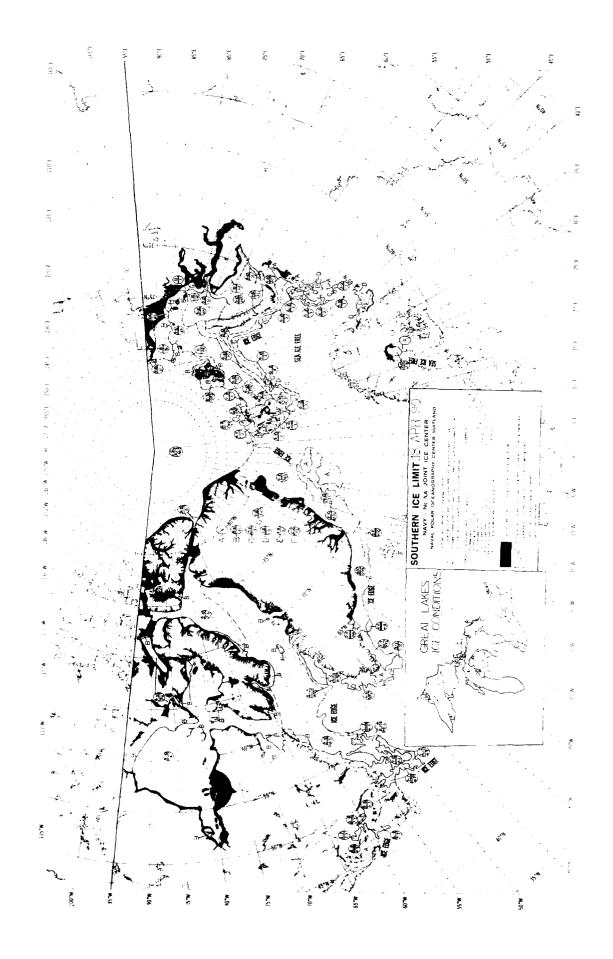


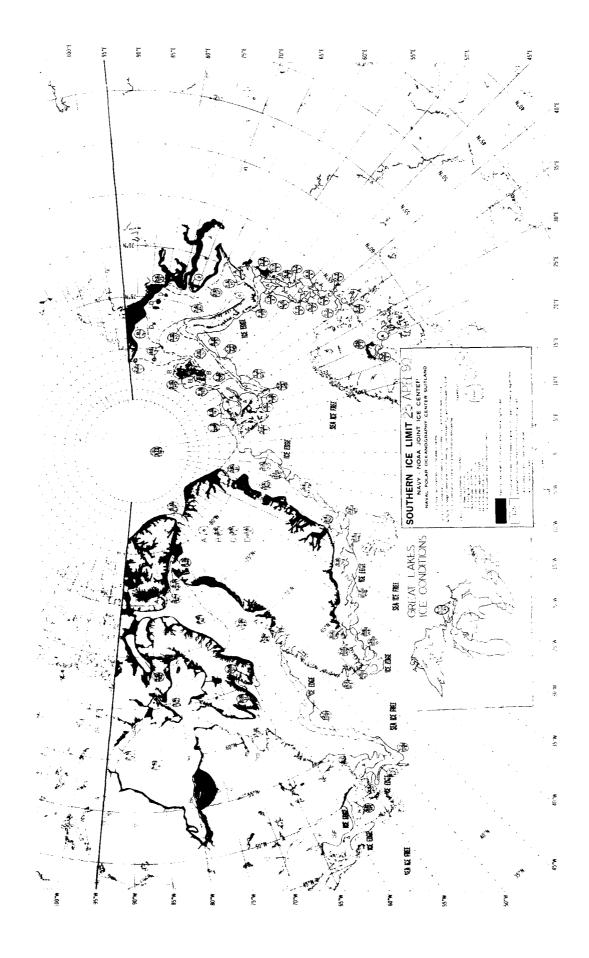


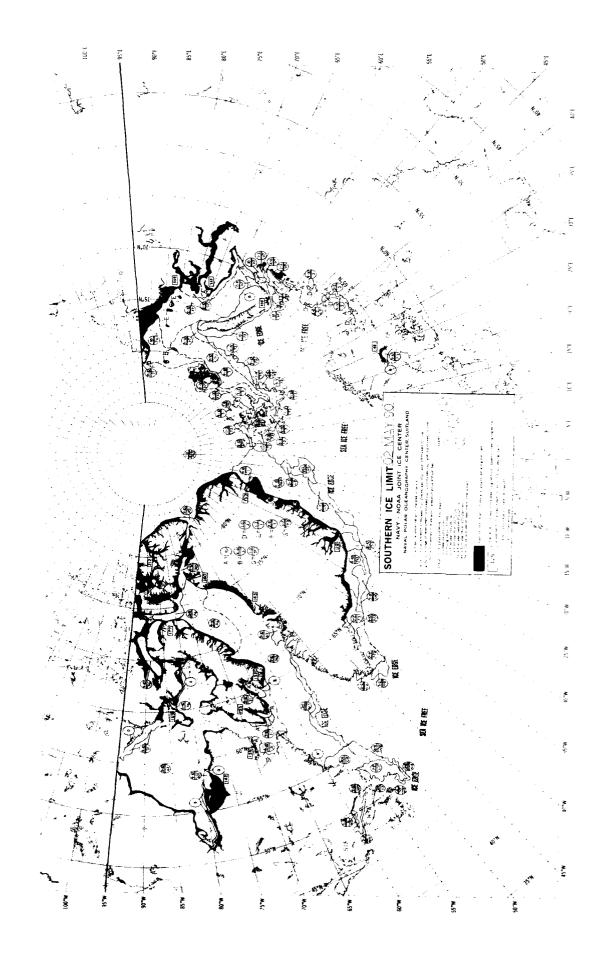


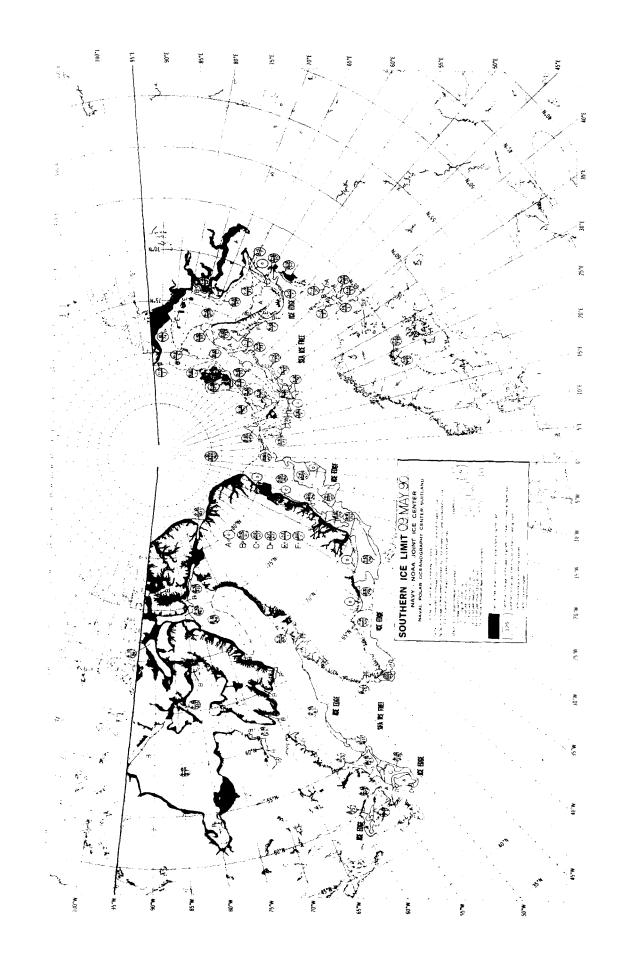


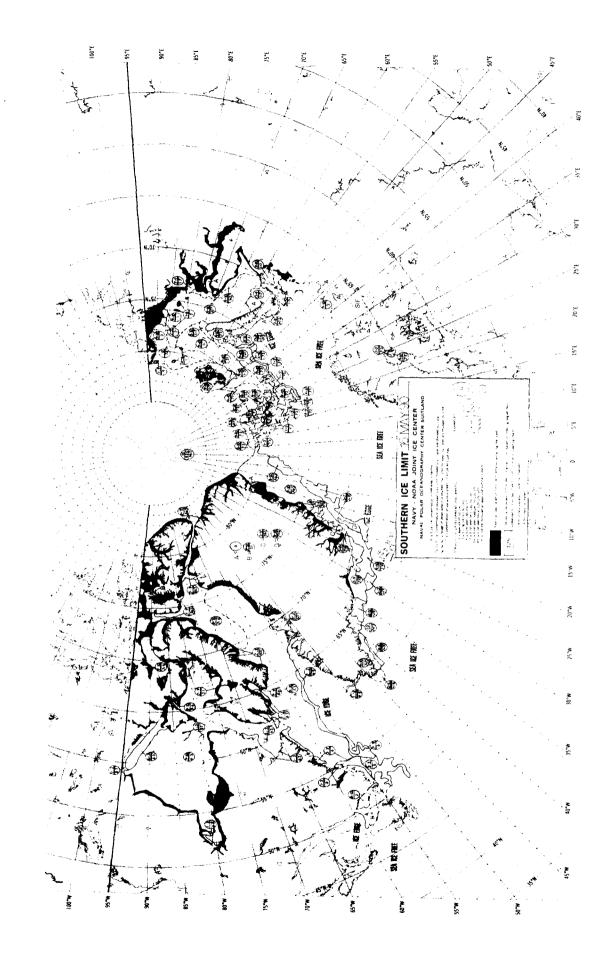


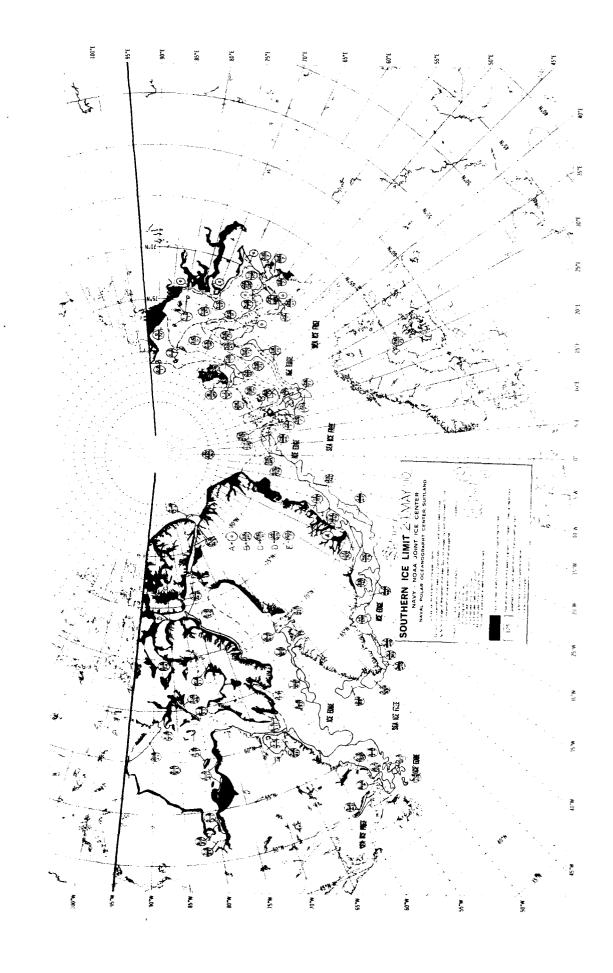






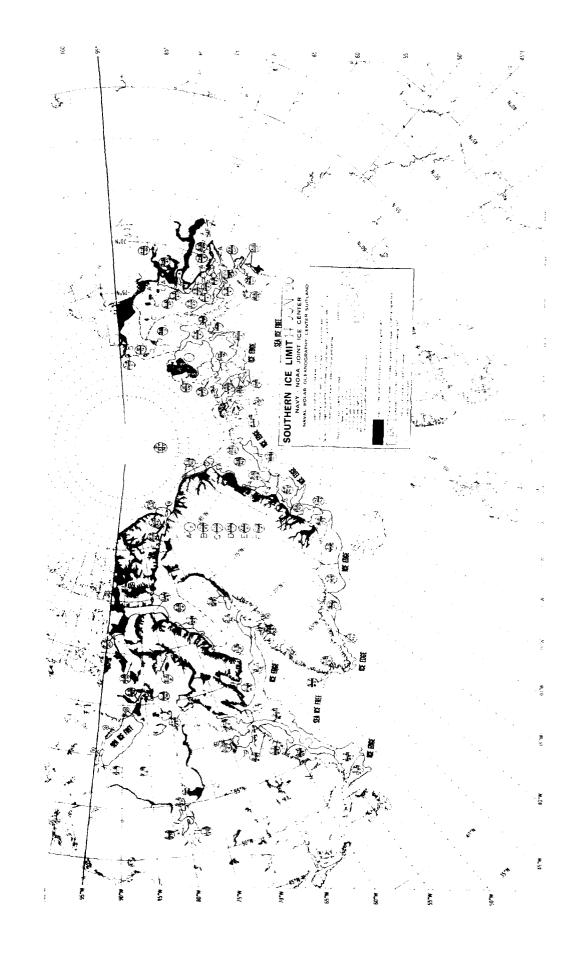


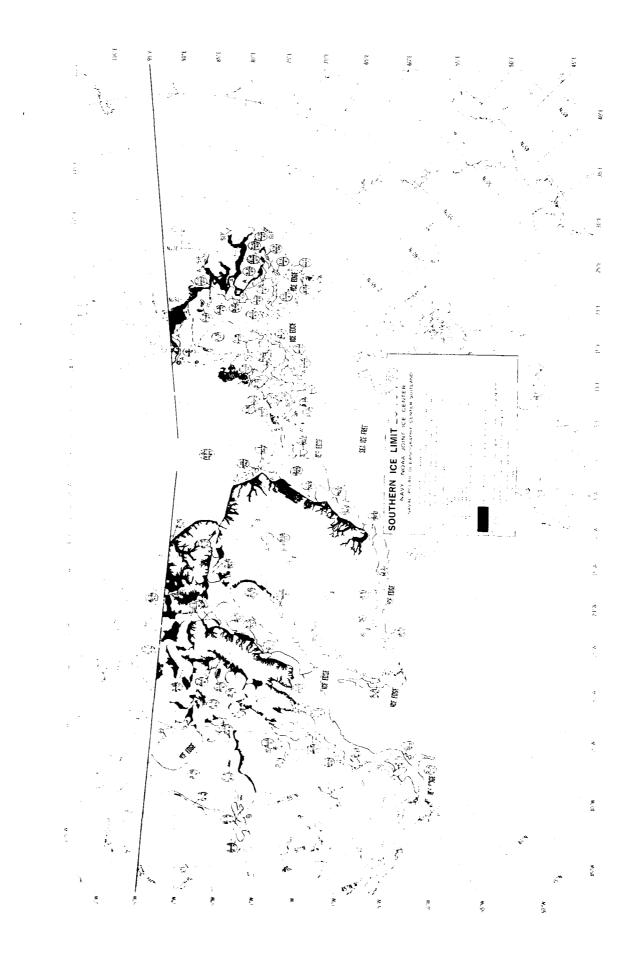


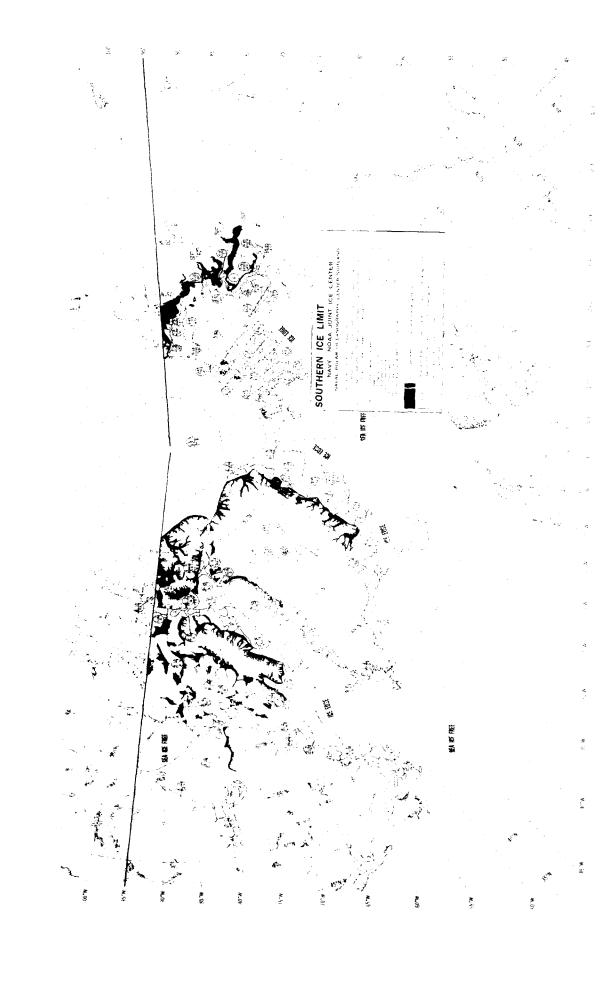




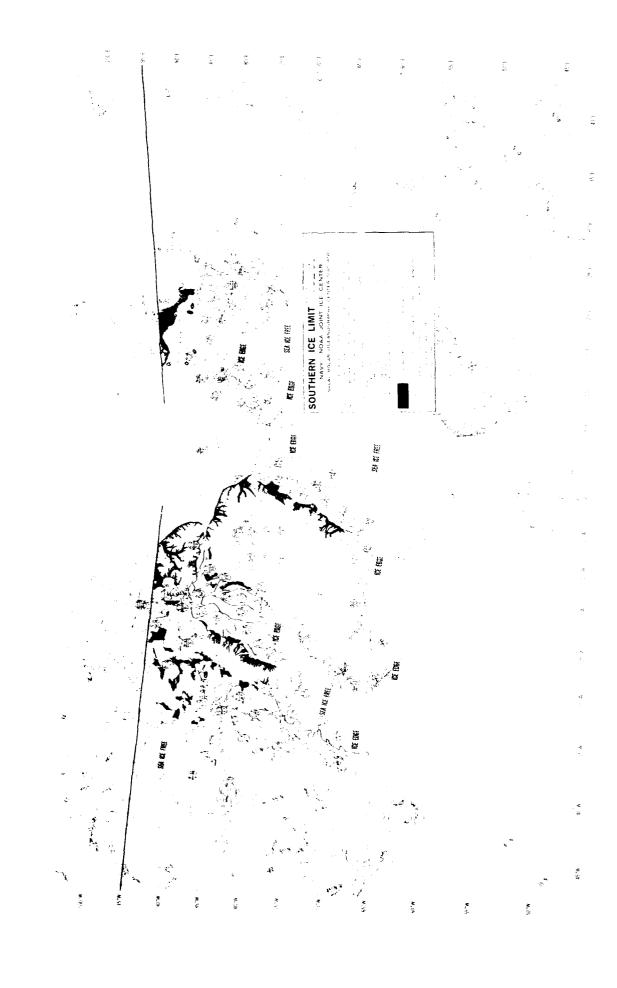


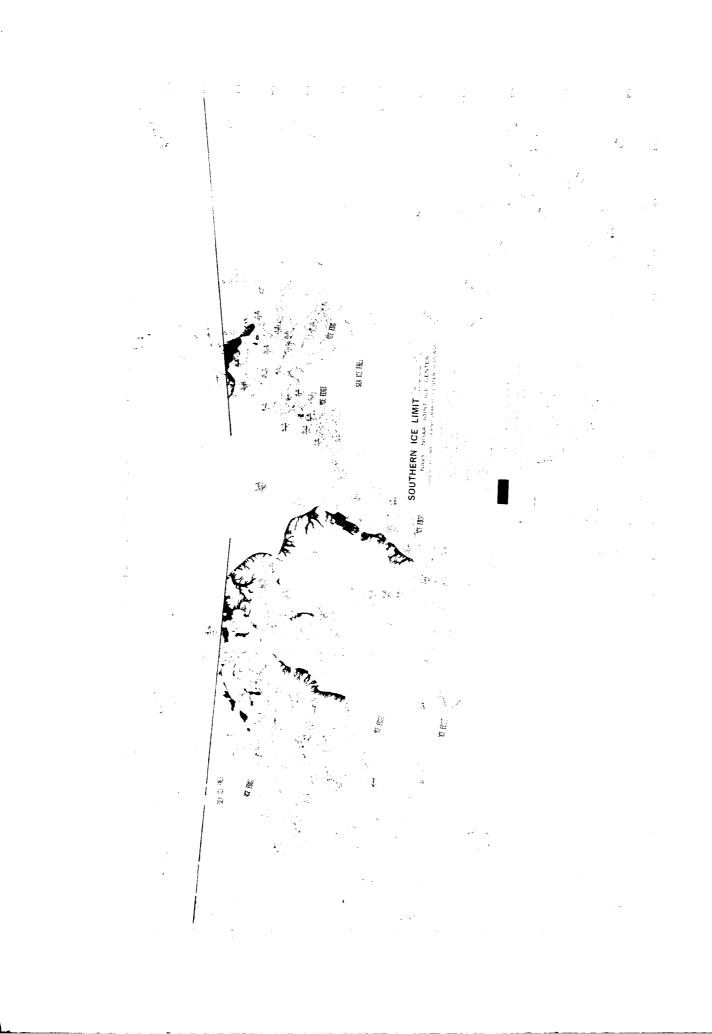




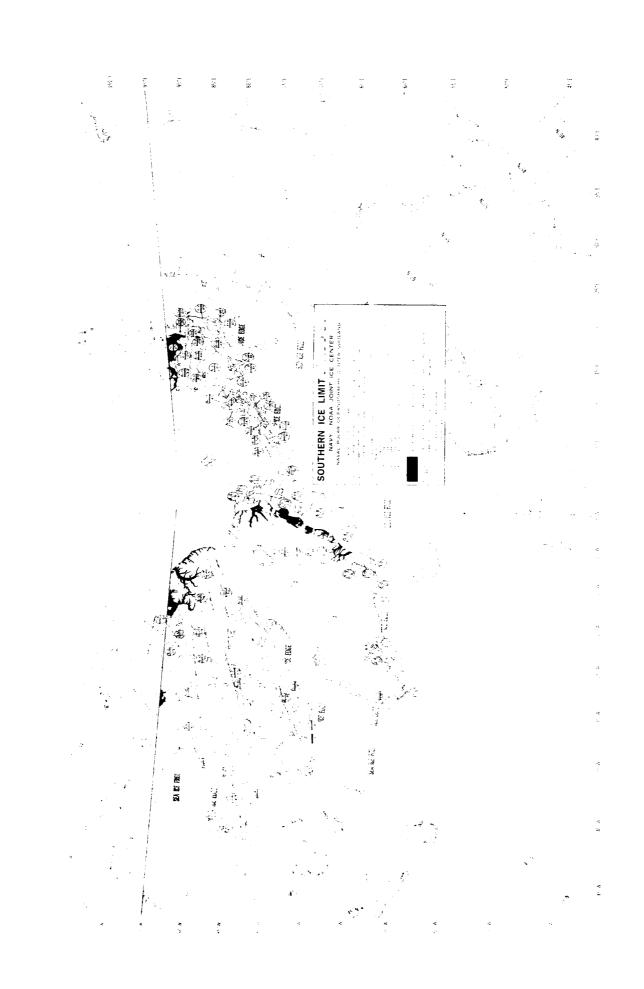




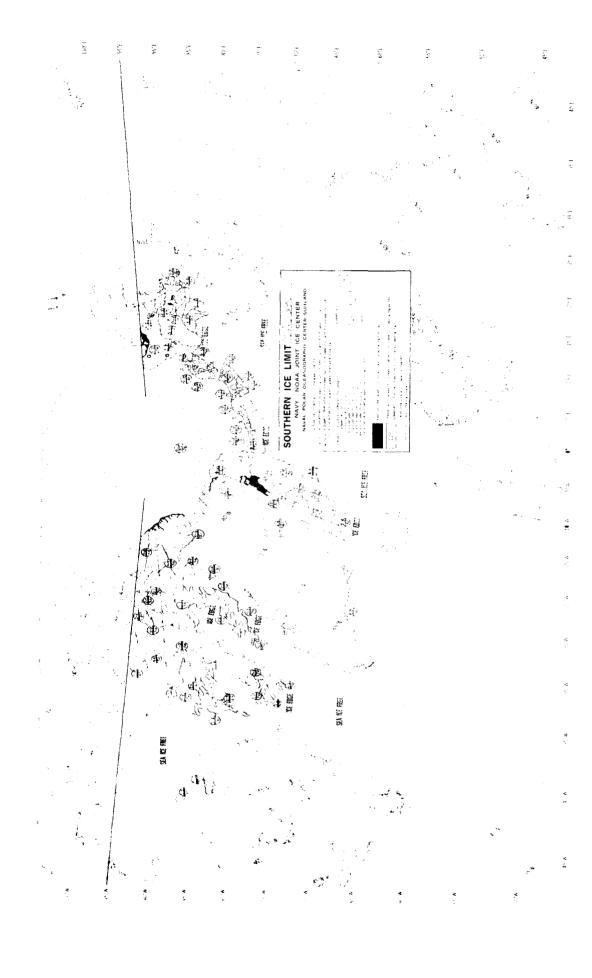


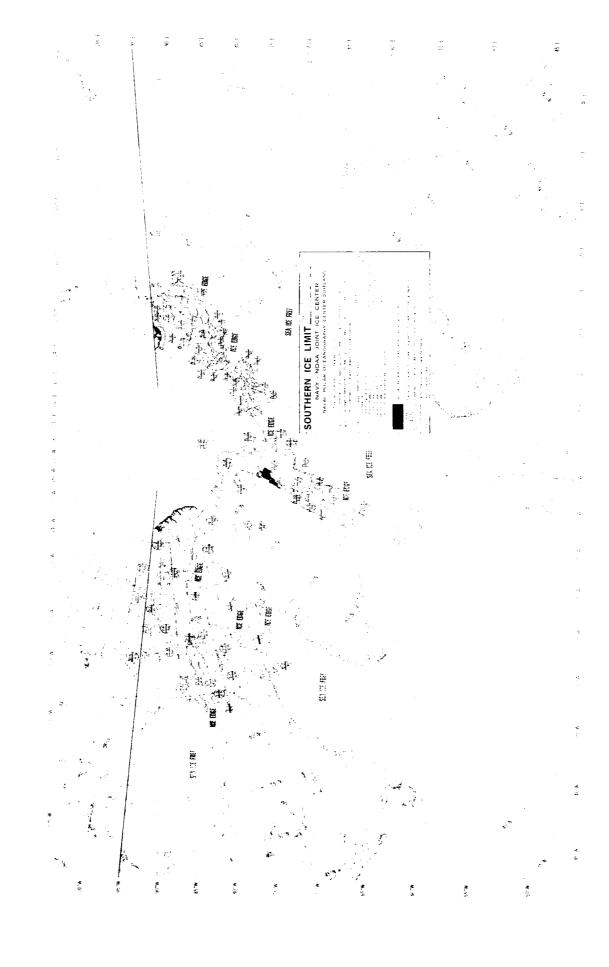


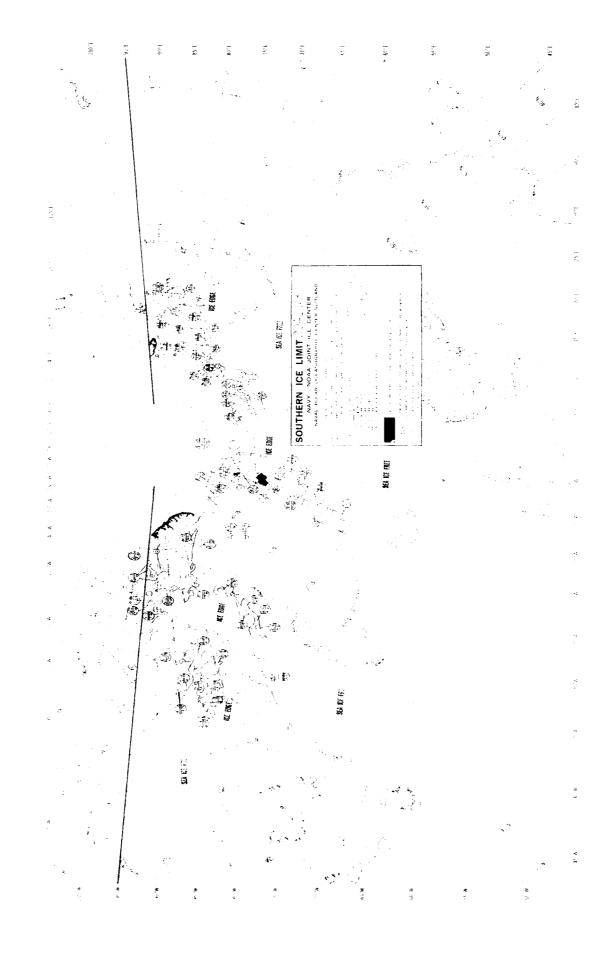
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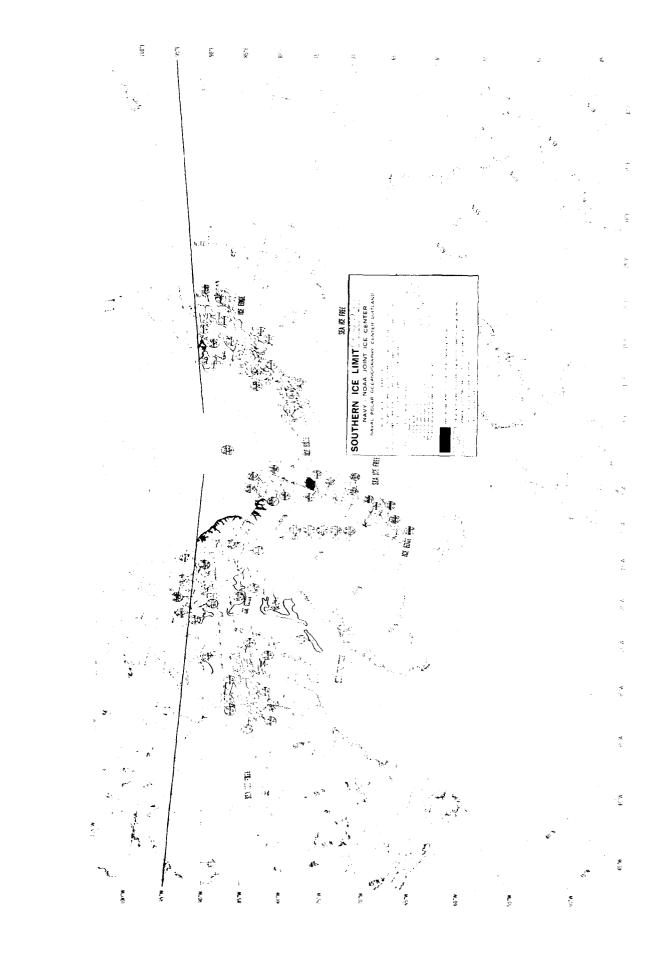


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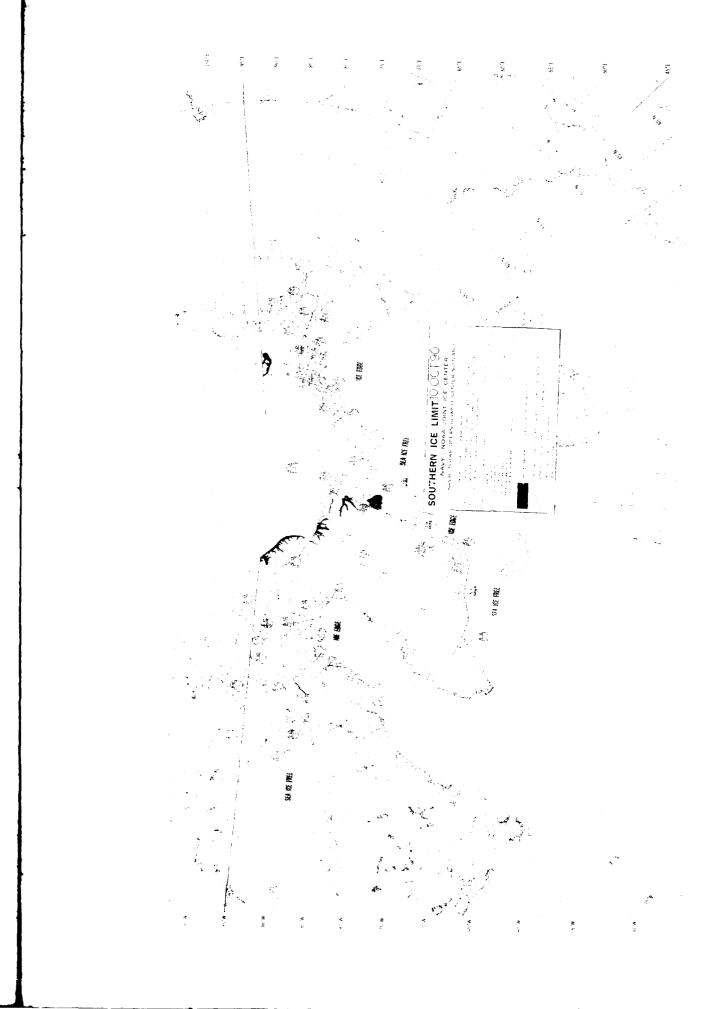


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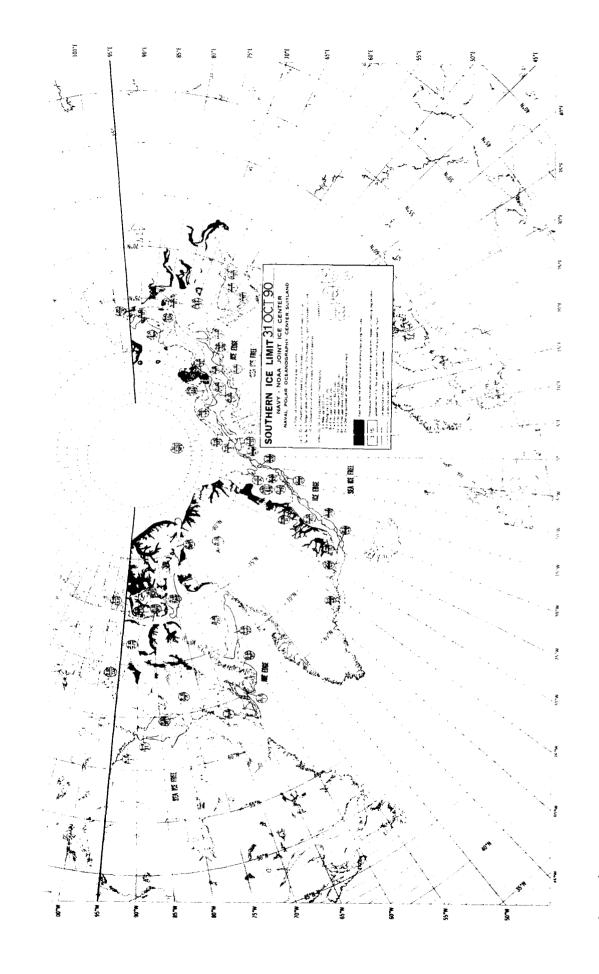
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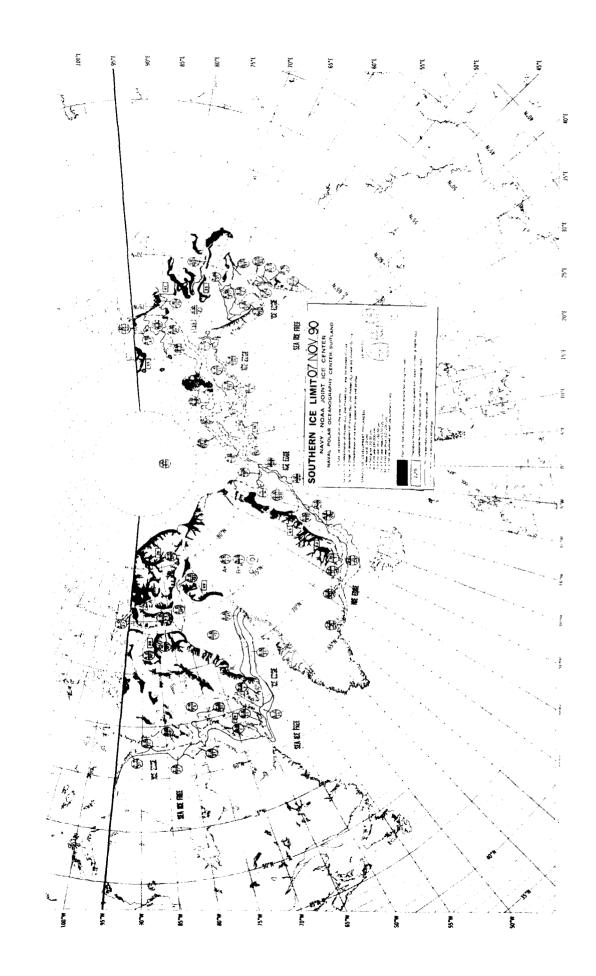


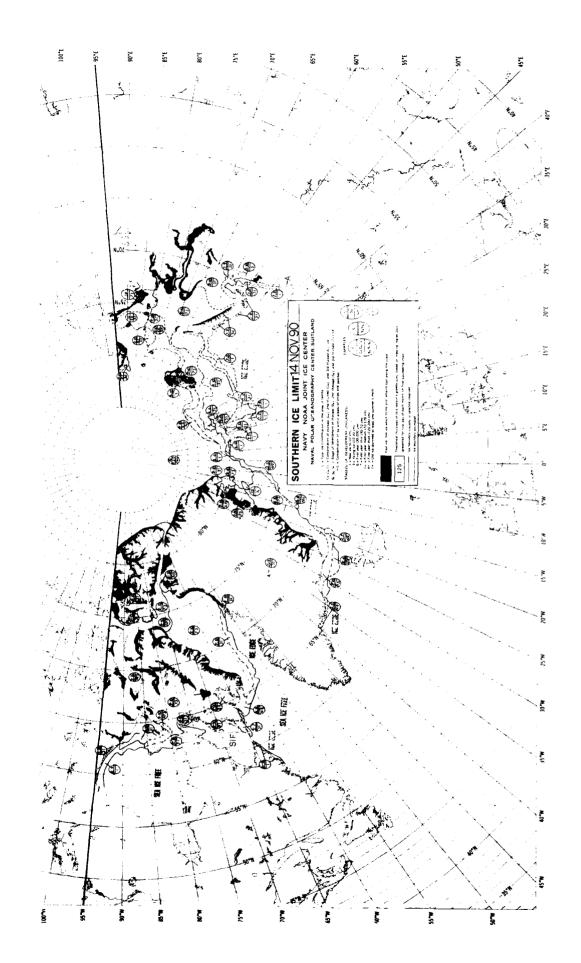


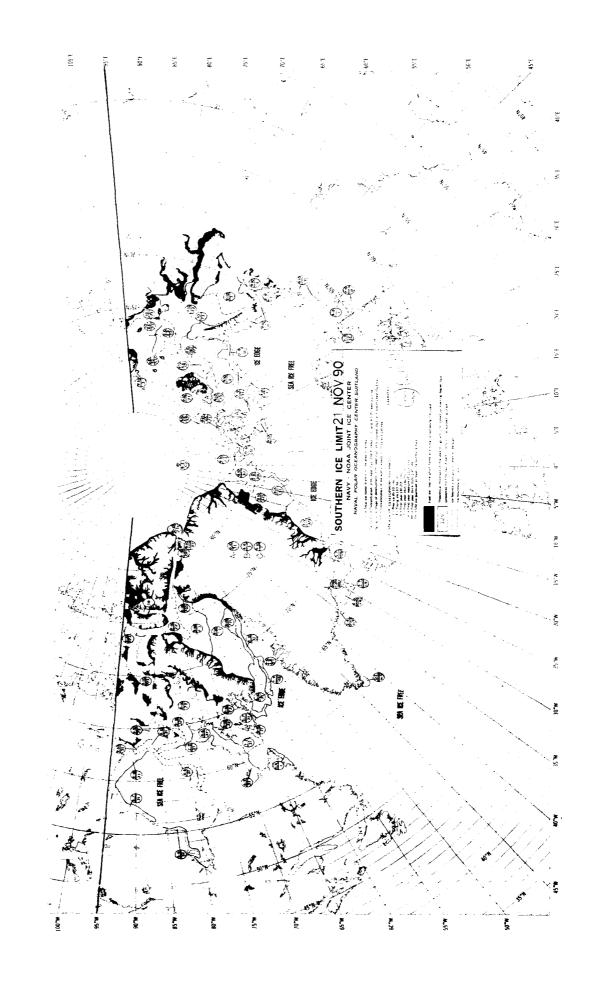
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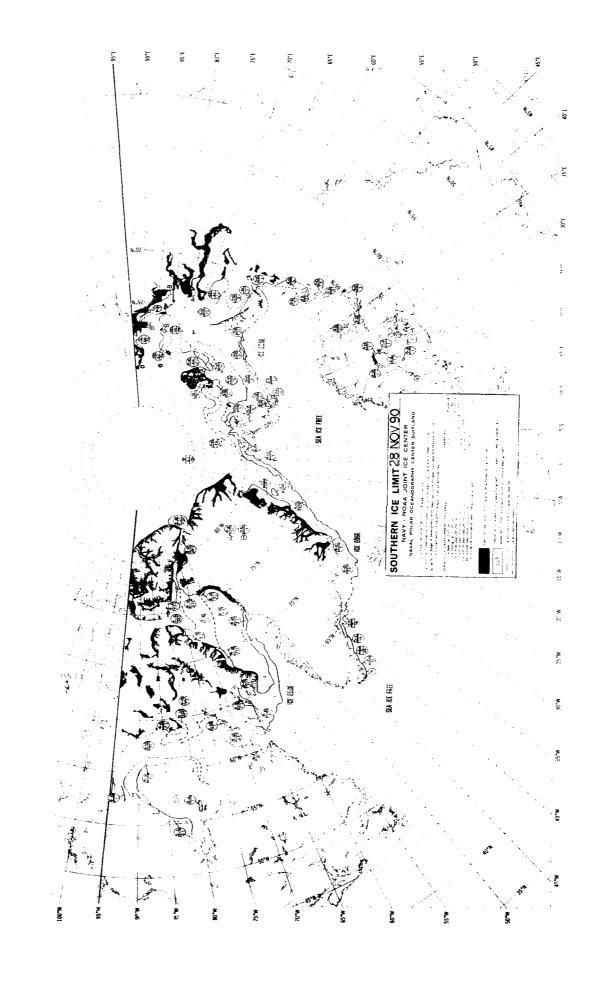


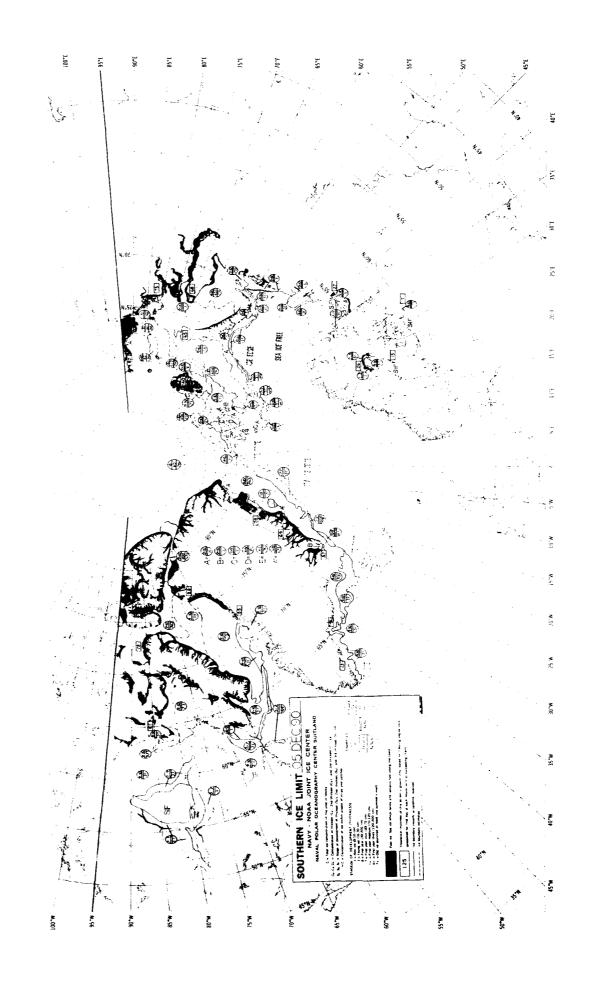


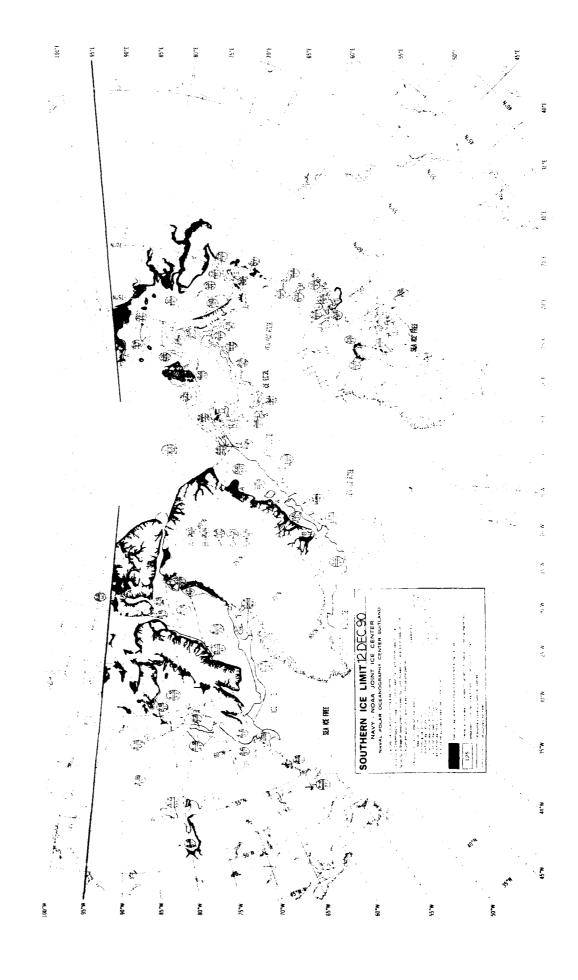


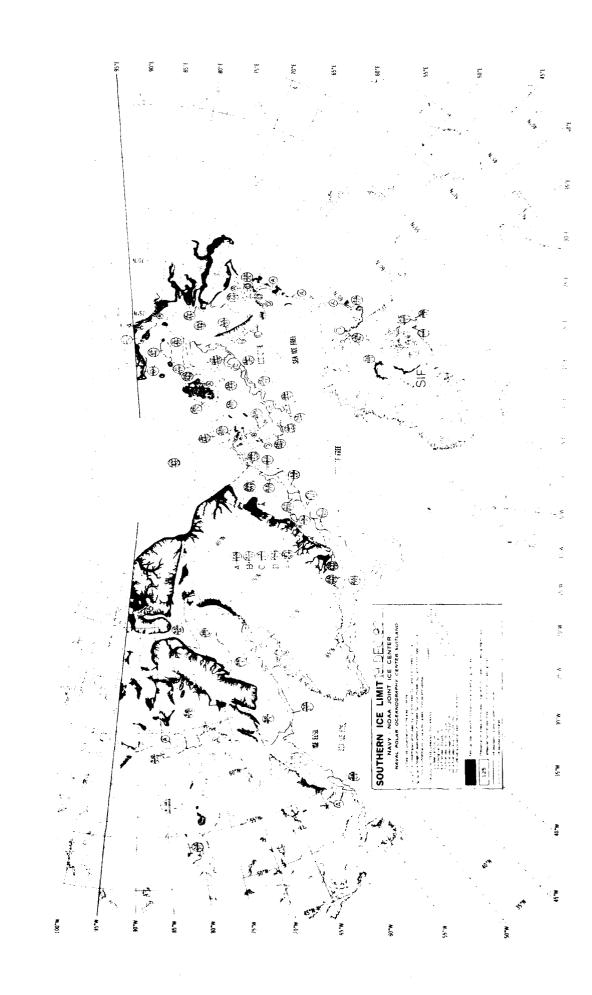












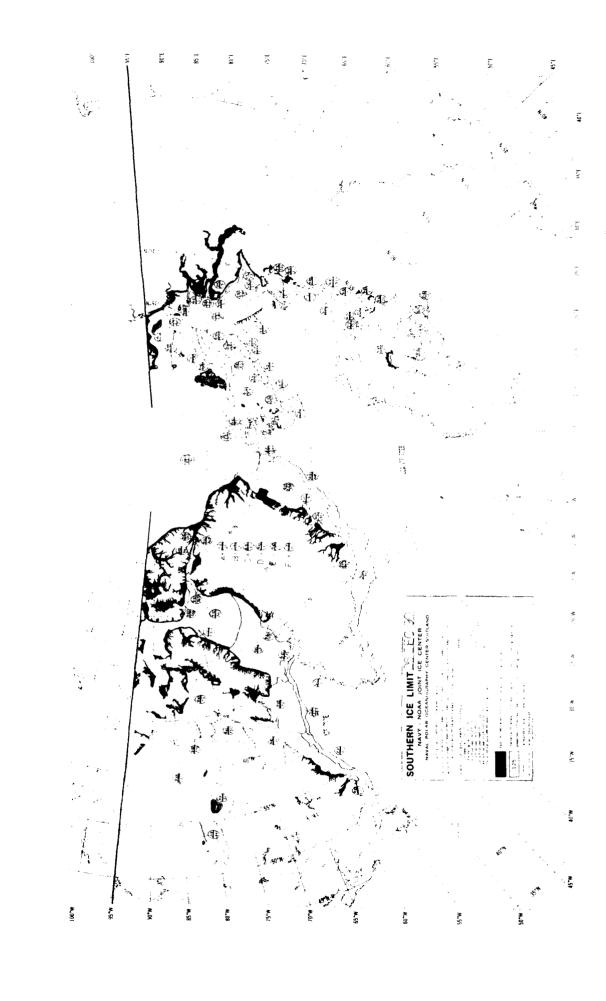


TABLE 1. SATELLITE DATA UTILIZED DURING 1990 (ARCTIC)

Time period		Satellite Remote Sensing				
From	To	Sensor Platform	Seneor Type	Spectral Region	Resolution	Coverage
1-90	12-90	NOAA-10	AVHRR			
			HRPT/LAC			
			VIS	0.58-0.68 um	1 km	Regiona
			NIR	0.725-1.10 um		
			ir.	10.5-11.5 um		
			GAC			
			VIS	0.58-0.68 um	4 km	Globa
			(R	10.5-11.5 um		
1-90	12-90	NOAA-11	AVHRR			
			HRPT/LAC			
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			IR	10.5-11.5 um		
			BAC			
			VIS	0.58-0.68 um	4 km	Regiona
			IR	10.5-11.5 um		
1-90	12-90	DMSP-F(8)	OLS			
			VIS	0.4-1.1 um	.62 km	Regiona
			IR	10.2-12.8 um	.62 km	Regiona
			SSMA			
			MW	1.55 cm	50 km	Globa
				(19.35 GHz)		
				0.81 cm	35 km	Globa
				(37.0 GHz)		

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AVHRR - Advanced Very High Resolution Reciometer

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- Global Area Coverage

- Gigs-hertz
- High Resolution Picture Transmission
- Infrared

- Idiometer - Local Area Coverage

erational Line Scan System sold Senso, "Noroweve Imager



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